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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH  
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

Re: HAROLD C. JOHNSON  
Kirkland, Washington

There is transmitted herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent Hamilton O. Dowell, dated March 4, 1942, at Seattle, Washington, in the case entitled "Harold C. Johnson, alias Harold C. Johnston, George Attabula, Harold Carl Johnson, Harold Carl Johnston; Internal Security - C".

In view of the information contained therein relative to the activities of the above entitled subject, it is requested that you advise this Bureau whether his apprehension and prosecution are desired. It will be appreciated if you will furnish the dangerousness classification given this individual.

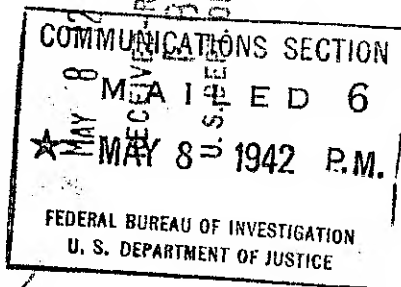
In the absence of a specific request, no further investigation will be conducted in this case. In the event, however, that additional reports are received, they will be furnished you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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100-81803 -1- April 18, 1942  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Seattle, Washington

RE: HAROLD C. JOHNSON, with aliases  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

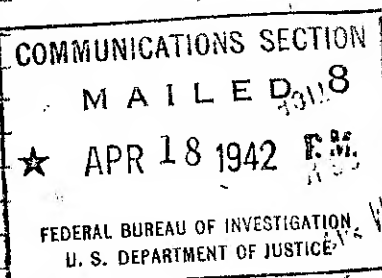
Reference is made to the closing report of Special Agent Hamilton C. Dowell, dated March 4, 1942, in the above entitled case, stating that a continuing mail cover had been placed on the above subject for the purpose of ascertaining the whereabouts of Morris Rapport.

Inasmuch as Rapport has been located at Los Angeles, California, the above mail cover should be removed if this has not already been done.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

FILE NO. 65-1399

REPORT MADE AT <b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/4/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/22, 23, 26, 27, 30; 2/2/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HAMILTON C. DOWELL</b> <span style="float: right;">LC</span>
TITLE <b>HAROLD C. JOHNSON, alias <del>Harold C. Johnston</del>, George Attabula, <del>Harold Carl Johnson</del>, <del>Harold Carl Johnston</del></b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject was born October 22, 1908, State of Washington, native American citizen; presently residing on Rural Route 3, Box 437, Kirkland, Washington. Subject, who has admitted membership in the Communist Party and who holds a membership card in that organization, associates with Communist Party members of local importance and is reported to have been an organizer for the 33rd Congressional District section, King County, Washington. He is believed to be identical with one HAROLD JOHNSTON who signed as Section Organizer a letter dated June 11, 1938, and headed "Communist Party, U. S. A., East Madison--Rainier Valley Section," requesting the attendance of members to a Communist Party meeting at Washington Hall, Seattle, on June 15, 1938. He was purported by one in attendance to have been chairman of Unit 10 meeting of Communist Party at 20th and Madison Streets, Seattle. He also has had financial transactions with ANDREW REMES, present organizer of the Northwest District of the Communist Party. Custodial Detention Memorandum submitted Bureau. Mail cover placed.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon information received from [redacted] confidential informant of the Seattle Field

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">100-81803-1</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">MAR 9 1942</div>
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Division, known to the Bureau as [redacted] to the effect that the subject had attended Communist meetings at the residence of Mrs. LEONA CLAIRE, 604 East 60th Street, Seattle, Washington. In a later report, [redacted] advised that the subject, a very active Communist, was a partner of MORRIS RAPPORT, a known Communist of the Seattle territory, in the operation of a Richfield Gasoline Station at 20th and Madison Streets, Seattle.

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This investigation is further predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant T-1 to the effect that numerous important Communist meetings were held at the home of Mrs. LEONA CLAIRE, 604 East 60th Street, and that on all occasions the subject, described by Informant T-1 as a known member of the Communist Party, was present at these meetings and was also living in a common-law relationship with Mrs. CLAIRE at this address. Numerous license numbers had been obtained by Informant T-1, and a list of the owners of the automobiles involved contained the names of many suspected Communist Party members of the Seattle area.

T-1 continued that during the last general election, one Professor E. H. EBY, 501 East 65th Street, Seattle, Washington, was a frequent visitor at the CLAIRE residence and a political promoter of the subject and that when T-1 openly confronted EBY with the subject's Communistic tendencies, EBY professed complete ignorance, and from that time on, seemed to cease his political promotion of the subject. A subsequent contact by the reporting agent with Informant T-1, however, disclosed that the promotion of the subject's political activity was continued by Mr. EBY, and subject was elected as a delegate to the Democratic Convention and became precinct committeeman. T-1 concluded by stating that the subject and Mrs. CLAIRE were so notorious that they even endeavored to induce the local Postman into the Communist Party and that the Communists from MORRIS RAPPORT on down the Party line had been seen in Mrs. CLAIRE's home at various times.

Informant T-2 appeared at the Seattle Field Division, and she advised that she was formerly employed in the Civil Service at the Bremerton Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington. Informant T-2 stated that she was suspicious of one HAROLD JOHNSON who lived at 604 East 60th Street, Seattle, Washington, and who was employed as a night janitor at SCHOENFELD's Furniture Store in Seattle. This informant stated that JOHNSON was an ex-Navy man and a very active Communist and that he was in charge of a dance held by the Communist Party near Redmond, Washington, on June 6, 1940. Informant T-2 continued that she had been in groups of people in which HAROLD JOHNSON had also been a member and that she had heard him make

admissions that he was a member of the Communist Party and believed in all its teachings.

Informant T-3 stated that she was formerly a member of the Workers' Alliance in Seattle in 1936 and 1937 and that as a result of this association, she had become closely associated with members of the Communist Party. She further advised that based upon her experience while a member of the Workers' Alliance, she knew certain members of the Communist Party and was positive at least that they were members of the Communist Party during the year of 1937. Among those listed she named HAROLD JOHNSON whom she stated was presently working with the Communist Party under the supervision of MORRIS RAPPORT. (It should be noted that the subject of this case was formerly a partner of MORRIS RAPPORT in the gasoline station business).

T-3 continued that the subject was formerly a member of the Building Maintenance Union which is affiliated with AFL and she described the subject as a rank Communist. She continued by stating that she had seen his Communist Party card and that he had admitted to her frequently that he was a member of the Communist Party and he had solicited her membership into that organization.

Informant T-4, when contacted by agents of the Seattle Field Division concerning Communistic activities, advised that he was originally a member of the Professional group of the Communist Party and in naming known members of the Communist Party of the 33rd District, he mentioned HAROLD JOHNSON whom he described as now active in the Communist Party in the Interbay District in Seattle. This information was furnished by Informant T-4 on November 14, 1941.

Informant T-5, former member of the Communist Party, while advising agents of the Seattle Field Division concerning Communist activities in the Seattle area, stated that she joined Unit 10 of the Communist Party, which used to meet on East Madison Street between 20th and 21st Streets, in a building now used for a Chinese Laundry, and that the Chairman of Unit 10 was HAROLD JOHNSON who is in the Building Trades Union. Investigation has indicated that the subject of this case was formerly a member of the Building Trades Union and presently a member of the Boiler-Makers Union, through which organization he recently obtained employment at the TODD's Shipyards, Seattle, Washington, which employment will be discussed later in this report.

Further indication that the subject is an official in the Communist Party is a communication received by Informant T-6 dated June 11, 1938, and headed, "Communist Party, U. S. A., East Madison--Rainier Valley Section, 2036 East Madison Street, Seattle, Washington," and which reads as follows:

"Dear Friends:

"As you have no doubt read in the paper, and heard over the radio, the Communist Party has just held its Tenth National Convention in New York City.

"This convention, attended by 1500 delegates from every part of the United States, Hawaii and Alaska, drew up and adopted a program for 'Democracy, Security, Jobs and Peace.'

"We feel that this program has the utmost significance for the people of the United States, and is one with which we know that you, as a progressive citizen, will want to become familiar. With the fascists menacing us at home and abroad, it is absolutely necessary that all the progressives in this country combine against these forces.

"Therefore, the East Madison-Rainier Valley Section of our Party is holding a mass meeting Wednesday, June 15th, at 8 P.M. at the Washington Hall, corner of East Fir Street and 14th Avenue, for the purpose of hearing the reports of our Convention delegates. We wish to extend to you an invitation to attend this meeting, and we will also welcome any of your friends you believe will be interested. There will be no admission charge."

"Cordially yours,

/s/ Harold Johnston

"Harold Johnston  
Section Organizer"

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Investigation at the offices of Informant T-7 disclosed that the subject signed business papers at that organization both

as HAROLD JOHNSON and as HAROLD JOHNSTON. The HAROLD JOHNSON signing these papers at the offices of Informant T-7 has definitely been established as the subject of this investigation. The handwriting of HAROLD JOHNSTON, Section Organizer of the Communist Party, appears similar to the signature of HAROLD JOHNSON and JOHNSTON on the papers referred to in the offices of T-7.

Further indication that the HAROLD JOHNSTON, Section Organizer, and the subject of this case, is identical with the HAROLD JOHNSON, subject of this case, is the fact that the subject's voting registration card No. 69751 is signed as HAROLD JOHNSTON. The addresses listed on the subject's registration are as follows:

1936:-- 302 - 19th Avenue South  
1937:-- 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 13th Avenue  
1938:-- 902 - 14th Avenue  
7010 - 2nd Avenue Northwest \*  
1940:-- 1402 East Fir \*  
604 East 60th \*  
505 -13th Avenue

\*It should be noted that 604 East 60th address is identical with the address of the subject while he was residing in a common-law relationship with LEONA CLAIRE.

\*The 1402 East Fir address is identical with the address of the subject obtained through the identification of Washington license for 1940, 1-102-6020, a 1927 Franklin Sedan, which automobile the subject used while he was residing at 604 East 60th Street. The address on the automobile registration card for this license was 1402 East Fir, Apt. 27.

It should further be noted that in the communication signed by HAROLD JOHNSTON as Section Organizer referred to previously in this report, the meeting place at which it was requested that the members of the Party attend the meeting was East Fir and 14th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

It should be further noted that the address on the Communist communication referred to is 2036 East Madison Street, which is near the Richfield Gasoline Station operated by the subject and MORRIS RAPPORT as partners.

Photostatic copies of the letter referred to above, and photostatic copies of the signature of the subject of this investigation on the business papers of Informant T-7, are being



retained in the files of the Seattle Field Division for possible use in a technical identification of the subject with the signer of the communication.

In the report of Special Agent C. V. SANDERS (A) dated September 16, 1941, at Seattle, Washington, in the case entitled "ANDREW REMES, with aliases, Internal Security - C," it is reflected that among eight deposits made by REMES during the month of August 1941 totaling \$1,902.74, there appears a deposit in the amount of \$25.00 which was a check on the Supreme Auto Service by LEONARD A. SWANSON to H. JOHNSON and endorsed to ANDREW REMES. This check was drawn on the Broadway Branch of the Seattle First National Bank.

There further appears a United States money order No. 59271 issued at Seattle station No. 4 on August 13, 1941, to H. JOHNSON in the amount of \$5.86. For the information of the file, ANDREW REMES is presently organizer for the Communist Party in the Northwest district.

Mr. J. A. CARSWELL, Personnel Office, TODD's Shipyards, advised that HAROLD CARL JOHNSON, address Rural Route 3, Box 436, Kirkland, Washington, was employed at TODD's Shipyards on January 30, 1941, and left that employment on July 22, 1941, due to factory repairs which resulted in layoff of certain employees. Mr. CARSWELL continued that the subject's personal card reflects that he was married, was born October 22, 1908, was a helper in the boiler shop and came to TODD's Shipyards from the Boilermakers Union; Social Security No. 340-18-2093. It should be noted that in an attempt to locate the present address of the subject, investigation disclosed through former connections of the subject, that he had become employed at one of the local shipyards and that he was presently residing on a rural route near Seattle, Washington. It should also be noted that on the Voters Registration Card of the subject, it is reflected that the subject stated he would be 29 years old at the next election in 1936. This would be a further inference that the HAROLD JOHNSON on the Voters Registration Certificate is approximately the same age as the HAROLD JOHNSON employed at the TODD's Shipyards.

Mr. H. LEWIS, Postmaster, United States Post Office, Kirkland, Washington, produced records reflecting that a HAROLD C. JOHNSON was presently receiving mail in care of JOSEPH CLANCEY, Post Office Box 437, Rural Route 3, Kirkland, Washington.

Mr. W. R. LEEWRIGHT, Rural Route Carrier No. 3, Kirkland, Washington, advised that he delivered mail for HAROLD C. JOHNSON at the CLANCEY residence but stated that he noticed no unusual circumstances regarding the subject's living at the CLANCEY residence and had no information concerning any radical tendencies upon the part of either JOHNSON or CLANCEY. Mr. LEEWRIGHT did advise that CLANCEY was secretary of the Boiler-makers Union in Seattle, Washington. Mr. LEEWRIGHT stated that he would advise the Seattle Field Division immediately if the subject moved his residence, or if any peculiar circumstances arose concerning the subject, or any possible subversive activities.

The files of the local offices of the Naval Intelligence reflect that one HAROLD JOHNSON, believed to be a Communist upon the basis of confidential sources, operated a Richfield Gasoline Station at 20th and East Madison Streets, Seattle. These files also reflect that one HAROLD JOHNSON was reported by confidential sources as section organizer in the 33rd Congressional District section, King County, Washington. The files further reflect that one HAROLD JOHNSON was reported by confidential sources as residing at 4026 Linden Avenue, Seattle, Washington, and was reported as a member of the Communist Party under the name of GEORGE ATTABUL.

A check of the local Seattle Credit Bureau records and of the criminal files of the Seattle Police Department failed to reflect the name of the subject, as did the files of the Sheriff's Office.

The files of the subversive detail of the Seattle Police Department failed to reflect any further information on the subject except that he is suspected of being a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. H. LEWIS, Postmaster at Kirkland, Washington, was requested as of March 3, 1942, to place a continuing mail cover upon the subject, which mail cover is being placed for the purpose of possibly ascertaining the present whereabouts of MORRIS RAPPORT who jumped his bond of \$3,000.00 placed by the subject of this case in a deportation proceedings held by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Federal District Court, Seattle, Washington.

A composite description of the subject as obtained from various individuals interviewed in this investigation, is as follows:

Age	About 33; born in the State of Washington, October 22, 1908.
Height	5' 5"
Weight	160 lbs.
Build	Fairly heavy
Hair	Light brown
Appearance	Good looking
Personality	Pleasant
Marital status	Widower; has two children

A Custodial Detention memorandum is being prepared for the consideration of the Bureau.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant T-1 of this report is Mrs. RUSSELL CLAY, 6006 - 6th Avenue Northeast, Seattle, Washington.

Informant T-2 is Mrs. G. E. GREENWOOD, 9317 - 4th Avenue, Northwest, Seattle, Washington.

Informant T-3 is Mrs. BESSIE DUNN, 511 - 16th Avenue, Apartment 4, Seattle, who is a former member of Workers' Alliance in 1936 and 1937.

Informant T-4 is Mr. HAROLD ARMSTRONG, 1324 Lakeside Avenue South, Seattle.

Mrs. MADELINE SEDGWICK, 1716 - 11th Avenue, Seattle, furnished information as Confidential Informant T-5 in the foregoing report.

Mrs. SARAH ELDREDGE, 431 - 14th North, Seattle, is Informant T-6

Informant T-7 is Mr. C. K. MOSE, Chief Clerk, Richfield Oil Corporation, Box 1823, Seattle, Washington.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

508 United States Court House  
Seattle, Washington

March 4, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: HAROLD C. JOHNSON, with aliases  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Hamilton C. Dowell, dated at Seattle, Washington, March 4, 1942, in which it is stated that the subject is being suggested to the Bureau for consideration for custodial detention.

A memorandum of pertinent information in this connection is being submitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

*H. B. Fletcher*

H. B. FLETCHER  
Special Agent in Charge

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Seattle, Washington  
March 4, 1942

Name HAROLD C. JOHNSON, with aliases ~~Harold C. Johnston~~,  
George Attabula, ~~Harold Carl Johnson~~, ~~Harold Carl Johnston~~.  
Address Box 437, Rural Route 3, Kirkland, Washington.  
Occupation Building maintenance, Boiler-maker; presently unemployed.  
Nationalistic Tendencies Communist  
Nativity Born in State of Washington, October 22, 1908.  
Citizenship Native United States citizen.

Comments:

Subject attended Communist meetings at the residence of Mrs. LEONA CLAIRE, 604 East 60th Street, Seattle, Washington, date unknown. [redacted] confidential informant of the Seattle Field Division known in the Bureau as [redacted] report of Hamilton C. Dowell, dated at Seattle, Washington, March 4, 1942; Seattle File 65-1399).

Subject has been stated to be an active Communist and in charge of a dance held by the Communist Party near Redmond, Washington, on June 6, 1940. (Mrs. G. E. GREENWOOD, 9317 - 4th Avenue Northwest, Seattle; Seattle File 65-1399).

He has admitted that he was a member of the Communist Party and believed in all its teachings. (Mrs. G. E. GREENWOOD; Seattle File 65-1399).

In October 1938 one HAROLD JOHNSON was reported as Section Organizer in the 33rd Congressional District section,

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King County, Washington. [ ] in report received by the Seattle Field Division February 28, 1941; Seattle File 65-1399-5).

The subject and one Mrs. CLAIRE were so notorious that they even endeavored to induce the local postman in Precinct 64, Seattle, into the Communist Party. The home of Mrs. CLAIRE, where JOHNSON resided, was the scene of many meetings of numerous Communists including MORRIS RAPPORT. (Mrs. RUSSELL CLAY, 6006 - 6th Avenue Northeast, Seattle, Washington; Seattle File 65-1399-7).

The subject assisted MORRIS RAPPORT, another very active Communist, in Party affairs, headquarters being a Richfield Oil Station at 20th and East Madison Streets, Seattle, in which the subject and MORRIS RAPPORT are purported to have been partners. (Confidential Informant [ ] in report to Seattle Field Division dated January 29, 1941; Seattle File 65-1399-4).

Deposits made by ANDREW REMES at the Broadway Branch of the Seattle First National Bank in August 1941, totaling \$1,902.74, included a check of \$25.00 endorsed to REMES by H. JOHNSON, and a United States Money Order No. 59271, issued at Seattle Station No. 4 on August 13, 1941, to H. JOHNSON, in the amount of \$5.86. (Informant T-1 in report of Special Agent C. V. SANDERS dated at Seattle, Washington, September 16, 1941, Seattle File 100-1).

Subject is described as a rank Communist and statement was made that he had shown his Communist Party card and admitted that he was a member of the Communist Party. He solicited informant's membership into the Communist Party. (Mrs. BESSIE DUNN, 511 - 16th Avenue, Seattle; Seattle File 65-1399-14).

He is listed among those who were members of the Communist Party in the 33rd District, and with whom informant can testify as having attended Party meetings. (Confidential Informant T-4 in report of Special Agent Hamilton C. Dowell, dated at Seattle, Washington, March 4, 1942; Seattle File 65-1399).

Subject served as Chairman of Unit 10 of the Communist Party at a meeting of this unit on East Madison Street between 20th and 21st Streets, in a building now used for a Chinese laundry. (Mrs. MADELINE SEDGWICK, 1716 - 11th Avenue, Seattle; File 65-1399).

Subject signed a letter headed "Communist Party, U. S. A., East Madison-Rainier Valley Section, 2036 East Madison Street, Seattle, Washington," dated June 11, 1938, requesting attendance of Communist Party members to a Communist Party meeting to be held at Washington Hall, corner of East Fir Street and 14th Avenue, June 15, 1938, at 8 p. m. This communication was signed by subject as HAROLD JOHNSTON, Section Organizer. (Confidential Informant T-6 in report of Special Agent HAMILTON C. DOWELL, dated at Seattle, Washington, March 4, 1942; Seattle File 65-1399).



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Harold C. Johnson  
Kirkland, Washington

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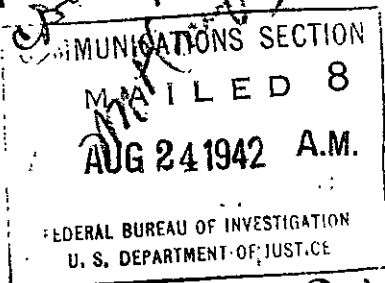
Set out above is the tentative dangerousness classification of the above-named individual, concerning whom information has been previously submitted to this Unit by the Bureau.

This case has been referred to the Criminal Division for possible prosecution or such other action as they deem appropriate. If further investigation is desired, a request will be made by the Criminal Division.

Respectfully,

*Lawrence M. C. Smith*

Lawrence M. C. Smith  
Chief, Special War Policies Unit  
War Division



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 7, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Mr. Tolson	.....
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Re: Harold C. Johnson  
Kirkland, Washington

Mr. L. M. C. Smith, Chief of Special War Policies Unit, War Division, has forwarded a file containing information concerning the above-entitled subject, who appears to be a citizen of the United States.

It is requested that the subject's selective service status be determined and reported, and that you keep this Division advised of any information received by you in the future on this subject.

Respectfully,

*Wendell Berge*  
WENDELL BERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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October 20, 1942

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Special Agent in Charge  
Seattle, Washington

RE: INTERNAL SECURITY  
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a custodial detention card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

JOHNSON, HAROLD C.

aliases: ~~Harold C. Johnston,~~  
~~Harold Carl Johnson,~~  
George Attabula,  
~~Harold Carl Johnston~~

NATIVE BORN

COMMUNIST

Route 3, Box 437  
Kirkland, Washington (Res.)

100-81803-5
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
OCT 21 1942
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Custodial Detention Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

Mr. Tolson  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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August 25, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
Seattle, Washington

RE: HAROLD C. JOHNSON, with alias  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a memorandum dated August 7, 1942, from Mr. Wendell Berge in which he requested that the above entitled subject's Selective Service status be determined and reported, and further that the Criminal Division be advised of any information received in the future on this subject.

You are instructed to secure this information and make arrangements to be notified of any pertinent activities on the part of Johnson.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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407 U. S. Court House  
Seattle, Washington  
December 1, 1942

*(GP)*  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: HAROLD C. JOHNSON, with alias  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)  
CUSTODIAL DETENTION  
Bureau file 100-81803

Dear Sir:

In reference to Bureau letter dated November 25, 1942 requesting the exact status of this case, please be advised that a custodial detention card has been prepared on subject, as was instructed in Bureau letter dated October 20, 1942 and further investigation will be conducted in the near future to determine his Selective Service status.

Very truly yours,

*H. B. Fletcher*

H. B. FLETCHER  
Special Agent in Charge

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HAROLD C. JOHNSON, WA., INTERNAL SECURITY (C), CUSTODIAL DETENTION.  
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AUGUST TWENTY-FIFTH AND NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIFTH, NINETEEN FORTY-TWO.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 11, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Harold C. Johnson  
Kirkland, Washington

Reference is made to the memorandum addressed to you by the Criminal Division under date of August 7, 1942, which requested that the subject's Selective Service status be determined and reported.


It is desired that this information be forwarded to the Criminal Division if it is now available.

Respectfully,

WENDELL BERGE  
Assistant Attorney General

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Seattle, Washington

January 26, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)  
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 20, 1942 relative to HAROLD C. JOHNSON, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY, CUSTODIAL DETENTION, residence Route 3, Box 437, Kirkland, Washington.

Please be advised that the caption of the custodial detention card referred to in reference letter is erroneous and the correct title is, "HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, with aliases, Harold Johnson, George Attabula."

You are further advised HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON is presently residing on Route 1, Box 120A, Kent, Washington.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher  
H. B. FLETCHER  
Special Agent, in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

FILE NO. **65-1399**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/25/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/3, 28/42; 11/18/42; 12/9, 10/42; 1/12, 13, 14/43.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CLAUDE H. VENCILL BB</b>
TITLE <b>"CHANGED"</b> <b>HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, with aliases:</b> <b>Harold Johnson, George Attabula</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (C)</b> <b>CUSTODIAL DETENTION</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Subject born 5/29/07 Yakima, Washington. Presently employed as machinist at Associated Shipyards, Seattle and resides near Kent, Washington. Subject states member of Machinist Local #79, A.F. of L., Chief Steward for all crafts at Associated Shipyards and member of Labor Management Committee of the Shipyard. Social Security number is 537-09-9929. Subject advised informant he enlisted U. S. Navy 8/23/22, but received bad conduct discharge on 1/9/26. Informants, who state they were formerly members of CP, identify subject as active CP member. One informant stated subject was ambitious, radical and agitator and in her opinion is dangerous. Subject registered SS LDB #7, Seattle. Order number is 750. Received classification of 4-F on 2/5/41

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## REFERENCE:

Bureau file 100-81803.  
Bureau letters dated 11/25/42; 10/20/42; 8/24/42; 8/25/42; 4/18/42.  
Letters to Bureau dated March 4, 1942.  
Report of Special Agent HAMILTON C. DOWELL dated March 4, 1942 at Seattle, Washington.

## DETAILS:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

The title of this case is changed to reflect the true name of subject HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON and to delete from the title the following names: HAROLD C. JOHNSON, HAROLD C. JOHNSON, HAROLD CARL JOHNSON, HAROLD CARL JOHNSON. Further it will be noted that the HAROLD CARL JOHNSON, referred to as the subject on Page 6 of the reference report of Special Agent HAMILTON C. DOWELL, is not identical

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with the subject of this case.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised Special Agent GEORGE D. THOMSON that subject furnished him the following information concerning himself:

Name - HAROLD T. JOHNSTON  
Born - May 29, 1907, Yakima, Washington.  
Height - 5'4"  
Weight - 148  
Eyes - Blue  
Hair - Gray,  
Marital status - Single  
Dependent children - HAROLD JOHNSTON, BEVERLY JOHNSTON  
Education - Third Grade  
Father - GEORGE A. JOHNSTON, 505 13th Avenue South, born in  
Canada, now U. S. citizen.  
Social Security Number - 537-09-9929  
Previous employment - 1396-1940, farming for self  
1941, ship scaler  
8/21/41-9/30/41, employed Associated  
Shipyards.  
2/17/42, rehired at Associated Shipyards.  
According to informant subject is presently  
employed as an outside machinist at  
\$1.12 per hour.

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Confidential Informant T-2 advised subject furnished her the following information concerning himself: Name HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON; born May 29, 1907 at Yakima, Washington; Selective Service Order number 750; occupation, present partnership in service station; service in U. S. Navy from August 23, 1922 to January 9, 1926, on which date he received a bad conduct discharge; dependent children, HAROLD, JR., 9 yrs, BEVERLY, 7 yrs; Social Security number 537-09-9929. On August 12, 1942, subject advised informant he was presently employed as a boring bar operator on Navy ships at Associated Shipyards, 2929 16th Southwest, Seattle. Informant further advised subject received a Selective Service classification as 4-F on February 5, 1941.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised he had talked with subject on different occasions while subject was operating a service station on East Madison Street in the city of Seattle some time ago. Informant further stated MORRIS RAPPORT, formerly operated the service station and subject subsequently went into business with him. Informant identified a photograph of subject, which was tendered for his inspection by the writer as the service station operator known to him as HAROLD JOHNSTON. He further stated subject advised him he had two children and formerly engaged in the trucking business in

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California.

Confidential Informant T-4 presented the photograph of subject, identified the photograph as being that of the individual she had previously referred to as the person residing with LEONA CLAIR near her residence.

Confidential Informant T-5 advised she became a member of the Professional Branch of the Communist Party about 1937. She further stated she became acquainted with subject, whose photograph she identified, about June 1938. In this connection, she stated several Communist Party meetings were held for the purpose of holding a caucus to nominate Democratic delegates for the 37th Legislative District for the state of Washington. The idea advanced at these meetings was to nominate Communists as Democratic delegates. According to informant, subject was very active in this campaign and was himself nominated as a delegate to the District Convention or caucus. However, because considerable friction arose as a result of subject writing the letter on the Communist Party stationery describing himself as Section Organizer, the Party decided it was best to withdraw his name as a delegate. Informant further stated as a result of the friction subject left that district and she had therefore not attended many meetings with him since. According to informant the Professional Branch or group sought to conceal its identity from other Communist Party members. According to the informant the expressed policy of the Communist Party was to elect members of the Party on the Democratic ticket if possible, but if such were impossible then elect those who were friendly to them. Informant also stated subject openly admitted writing the letter herein referred to. She further stated she left the Communist Party about June 1939 and could not therefore furnish any further information concerning its activities.

Confidential Informant T-6, on inspecting the photograph of subject, identified it as being the photograph of the person she knew as HAROLD JOHNSON, whom, she stated was a member of the Building Service Union and in company with MORRIS RAPPORT operated a service station on East Madison Street. Informant stated she was formerly a member of the Communist Party and attended numerous party meetings with subject. He organized Branch #10 and because of his activities was promoted to downtown section organizer. Informant, who has previously furnished this office reliable information, concerning members of the Communist Party, stated subject was ambitious, radical, an agitator, a "crackpot" and in her opinion dangerous. He would do whatever he was told, providing he felt he would benefit thereby. He was opposed to the Trotskyites. His plan was for the Communist Party to infiltrate into the Democratic Party. Informant further stated in her opinion subject was ignorant, having only a third grade education, and could hardly read or write. He was formerly a janitor for a short time at the insurance building at Second Avenue and Madison. Informant further stated subject was a good friend to the negroes in the Party and got along

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well with them. Informant further stated she left the Communist Party in 1938 and had no contact and has had no contact with any of the members since.

Confidential Informant T-7 advised subject had been receiving mail at Route 1 Box 120A since about October 1942. He further stated he had not seen subject and therefore could not identify him. According to informant subject receives no newspapers or magazines in the mail and only a few personal letters.

F. M. IMHOFF, Chief of Police, Kent, Washington, advised he had no record of subject.

On December 18, 1942 subject, together with one ROBERT DECKER, called at the Seattle Field Office for the purpose of informing this office that an unknown individual was distributing copies of "The Militant" at their place of employment, the Associated Shipyards, Seattle. Subject and DECKER were interviewed by Special Agents BRENTON S. GORDON and JOHN D. FURRH of this office. Subject and DECKER in substance declared that the unknown subject of their complaint constantly cursed the administration and quoted one STEWARD CHASE on economic theories. They also complained that the unknown subject described the present war as "a phoney war". According to subject, the unknown subject was supposed to have cursed Russia and it was believed that unknown subject's dislike of Russia was based on some past difficult between TROTSKY and STALIN. They also stated the unknown subject insisted upon bringing up past activities of political groups which had nothing to do with the present international situation. JOHNSTON and DECKER refused to elaborate on this last statement but Special Agents GORDON and FURRH noted that it was possible that the subject of JOHNSTON and DECKER's complaint had been critical of hasty and apparently illogical changes in the Communist Party line. It will be noted that the one subject referred to by JOHNSTON and DECKER has been identified as HARRY LUX, who has been most active in distributing Trotskyite literature and is known to be a severe and outspoken critic of the Stalinists. Agents GORDON and FURRH also noted JOHNSTON did most of the talking, but presented a cautious and reserved attitude when any topic of conversation was brought up excepting that of the subject of his complaint LUX. JOHNSTON was insistent that something be done to stop LUX, whom he described as being a saboteur of morale in the labor unit. He asserted that he was a member of the Machinists Local #79, A.F. of L., a chief steward for all crafts in the Associated Shipyards, a member of the Labor Management Committee of the yard. JOHNSTON also stated that the members of the Management Committee fully realized that this was the peoples' war and that it would require the unified cooperation of everyone in order to win it. He also stated that when the Labor Management Committee was originally formed there were some selfish money-seeking "defeatists" type of men representing labor on the committee but that these individuals had been forced to resign and that he was quite

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certain the present members of the committee knew what the war was all about. JOHNSTON further advised Agents GORDON and FURRH that he resided at Route 1 Box 120A, Kent, Washington.

In addition to the personal description of subject set forth in the reference report of HAMILTON C. DOWELL, Special Agents GORDON and FURRH observed subject JOHNSTON's hair was brown streaked with gray; eyes blue, gray with narrow slit openings and shifty gaze; small scar 3/4 inches long on left side of nose and speaks with rapidity.

Confidential Informant T-8 advised that during the year 1939, he attended meetings of the Communist Party held in a building adjacent to 949 North 80th Street, with the subject of this case.

It is further noted that a custodial detention card has been prepared at the Bureau and at this office, which card is captioned as follows:

JOHNSON, HAROLD C.	NATIVE BORN	COMMUNIST
aliases:	Harold C. Johnston	
	Harold Carl Johnson	
	George Attabula	
	Harold Carl Johnston	
	Route 3 Box 437	
	Kirkland, Washington (Res.)	

The above captioned is inaccurate and should be corrected to conform with the title in this report and subject's address should be listed as Route 1 Box 120A, Kent, Washington.

The mail cover placed on all mail addressed to HAROLD JOHNSON, Box 437 Rural Route 3, Kirkland, Washington has been cancelled. ~~X~~

Photographs of subject are being retained in the files of the Seattle Field Division.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T-1 is CHARLES FRANCIS ~~ADAMS~~, Personnel Manager, Associated Shipyards, Seattle.

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T-2 is Clerk, Selective Service Board #7, Seattle.

T-3 is FRANK B. ~~WILSON~~, Branch Manager, Richfield Oil Company, 1509 15th Avenue West, Seattle.

T-4 is Mrs. ~~RUSSEL~~ CLAY, 6006 6th Avenue Northeast, Seattle.

T-5 is Mrs. SARAH ~~ELDREDGE~~, 431 14th North, Apartment #35, Seattle.

T-6 is Mrs. ~~MADLINE~~ SEDGWICK, 1716 11th Avenue, Seattle.

T-7 is THOMAS W. PEARSON, U. S. Mail Carrier, Route 1, Kent, Washington.

T-8 is PETER ~~HILLER~~, 1206 East 96th, Seattle

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

FILE NO. **65-1399**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Seattle, Washington</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/30/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/23,25; 7/20,24; 9/20,23; 10/15/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>MAX C. TURNER</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>BE</b></span>
TITLE <b>HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, with aliases: Harold Johnson, George Attabula</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS**

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**HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON**, Route 1, Box 120-A, Kent, Washington, still employed Associated Shipyards, Seattle. Subject reclassified 2-B, October 11, 1943, by Local Draft Board No. 7, Seattle. JOHNSTON elected Educational Director of new branch of Communist Party at Auburn, Washington. Also member of Political Action Committee, same branch. Subject attended District Buro meeting of the Communist Party on June 25, 1943, and also attends other Communist Party meetings.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file 100-81803.  
Report of Special Agent **CLAUDE H. VENCILL**, Seattle, dated 1/25/43.

**DETAILS:** This subject has been made a "key figure" by the Seattle Field Division.

**PERSONAL HISTORY**

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Miss **ANNA HEGRANES**, Clerk of Local Draft Board No. 7, Seattle, Washington, advised that the subject was still employed at the Associated Shipyards, Seattle, and on January 4, 1943, had advised that Board that his present address was Route 1, Box 120-A, Kent, Washington. Miss HEGRANES further stated that the subject had been reclassified on October 11, 1943, into 2-B.

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The Postmaster at Kent, Washington, advised the writer that the subject was residing at Route 1, Box 120-A, Kent, and had been receiving mail at that address.

### COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant T-1 was interviewed by Special Agent GEORGE D. THOMSON and she advised that she had known the subject some years back when she was a member of the Communist Party and that on May 9, 1938, the subject, who was known to the Party members as "LITTLE CEASAR", became organizer of the Lake Washington Section of the Communist Party. Informant recalled that when she first joined the Communist Party in 1937, JOHNSON was then organizer of Branch 10. Informant further stated that on July 7, 1938, the branch was meeting in the old Town Hall and that the subject, then known as the "YAKIMA BULL", was present as section organizer.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on October 5, 1942, that he had been informed that among the members of the WPA Educational Project and members of the Communist Party who taught at the Workers Alliance Hall at 94 Main Street during 1937 and 1938, there was the subject HAROLD JOHNSTON, known as "RATFACE", who it was further stated would kill for the Party if so directed.

T-3 advised that while she was a member of the Communist Party in 1939 the Party attempted to promote a front group which would take in prominent doctors and social workers. However, according to informant, this front group did not function satisfactorily, so the Executive Board of the Communist Party elected ROSS KINGSTON as chairman of this group, but it was ascertained that he knew nothing about the health problems in this community and he was relieved of the job by Miss CYNTHIA ALDRICH who without wasting any time got the conference under way. T-3 advised that a citizens' health committee was elected by the conference and that the subject, HAROLD JOHNSTON, was a member of this committee.

On April 1, 1943, a clipping in the New World, Seattle, Washington, entitled "Survey Labor Lobby" and written by MERWIN L. COLE, a known Communist in the Seattle district, stated that new faces were appearing in the lobby from the A. F. of L. quarters and listed among these HAROLD JOHNSTON and HAROLD NELSON, representing Machinists Lodge No. 79; HAROLD GIBSON, Aeronautical Mechanics Lodge No. 751; BURT NELSON and C. E. McMILLAN of the CIO Longshoremen; and FRANK ANDREWS representing the state CIO council.

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that the subject, HAROLD JOHNSTON, was a member of Local No. 79 of the Machinists Union and that much of the leg work in this union was done by this subject. Informant further stated that he knew the subject was a member of the Communist Party.

[ ] advised that on March 4, 1943, at 8:00 p.m. at the Polish Hall, Seattle, Washington, the Communist Party sponsored a farewell party for

ANDREW REMES, Administrative Secretary, Communist Party, 12th District, who was inducted into the United States Army on February 27, 1943, and on this date was on a week's furlough. Informant stated that about 350 people were present at the party and that BARBARA HARTLE, Administrative Secretary, King County, Communist Party, acted as chairman. Among those present at this party was the subject.

T-4 advised that he had been quite well acquainted with the subject and had known him while he was working on WPA projects. Informant stated that the subject formerly came to Granite Falls, Washington, on numerous occasions and distributed large quantities of Communist literature, including the Daily Worker. According to the informant, while he was a time-keeper on the WPA, subject called on him on several occasions and asked him to take quantities of Communist literature and distribute the same to WPA workers.

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[redacted] advised that on April 25, 1943, from one to six p.m. the King County Convention of the Communist Party was held at the Polish Hall, Seattle, Washington and over 200 persons were present. [redacted] advised that among those present was HAROLD T. JOHNSTON, who acted as chairman of the convention. [redacted] advised that on Sunday, May 2, 1943, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. the "Victory Convention" of the Communist Party, Northwest District, was held at the Moose Hall, Seattle, and approximately 300 delegates, alternates, and visitors registered for this convention from the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. [redacted] advised that among those present were HAROLD T. JOHNSTON and ANNA JOHNSTON.

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On June 23, 1943, Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished information to the effect that the District Bureau of the Northwest District, Communist Party, USA, would hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on June 25, 1943, at the Swedish Club, Seattle, Washington. On June 25, 1943, Special Agents BRENTON S. GORDON and FREDERICK H. SCHMIDT noted the following individuals enter the Swedish Club between seven and eight p.m.: EARL PAYNE, JOHN COUGHLIN, KARLEY LARSEN, BARBARA HARTLE, JOHN DASCHBACH, HENRY P. HUFF, ELLEN McGRATH, and the subject, HAROLD T. JOHNSTON. The subject HAROLD T. JOHNSTON was noted driving a Ford automobile bearing Washington license number A-103,671. It will be noted that this car is registered to his wife ANN NELSON JOHNSTON.

Confidential Informant [redacted] on October 1, 1943, advised that a meeting of the Communist Party was held at the home of DELL and IRENE HAYES, Route 3, Box 123-D, Auburn, Washington; that BARBARA HARTLE, Administrative Secretary, Communist Party, 12th District, was in charge of this meeting and advised that the same was being held to organize a new branch of the Communist Party in the Auburn district. The subject was elected acting chairman of the meeting. Subject stated that this new branch was being organized because of the dissolution by the Party of the industrial branches of the Communist Party and that because of this dissolution, this new branch was necessary and that it

would take in all members of the Communist Party in the Auburn district. JOHNSON laid down the following program:

1. That it was necessary for the Party to get behind the opening of a second front.
2. That all Party members would have to recruit new members and that one source of recruiting was the new Army Depot being built in Auburn.
3. That the Party members would have to get after those persons who were members but were not paying their dues at this time.
4. That the Party would have to do their best to see that all Party members voted at the coming elections.

JOHNSON further stated, according to informant, that there were approximately 17 members in this vicinity at the present time and that seven of those were in attendance at this meeting. [REDACTED] further stated that IRENE HAYES was elected chairman and organizer; the subject HAROLD T. JOHNSTON was elected Educational Director; and the subject's wife, ANN JOHNSTON, was elected Literary Director and Dues Collector. Informant also advised that the subject was elected as a member of the Political Action Committee.

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A description of the subject is not being set out in this report because such description has been set out in previous reports.

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THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington, will continue to report Communist activities of the subject in this district by contacting confidential informants.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

- T-1 MADELINE SEDGWICK, 1716-11th Avenue, Seattle, Washington, a former member of the Communist Party who asked that her identity be kept confidential.
- T-2 W. J. HOUSTON, Head Investigator, Civil Service Commission, Seattle, Wash.
- T-3 Mrs. SARAH W. ELDREDGE, 14th North, Seattle, Washington, who asked that her identity be kept confidential.
- T-4 ARCHIE LEAQUEE, Route 2, Arlington, Washington, who asked that his identity be kept confidential.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 16, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR  
HUGH B. COX, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AND  
J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

I refer to Mr. L. M. C. Smith's memorandum to me dated June 28, 1943, which reviews the history, development, and meaning of the Special Case work and of the danger classifications that were made as a part of that work.

After full re-consideration of these individual danger classifications, I am satisfied that they serve no useful purpose. The detention of alien enemies is being dealt with under the procedures established by the Alien Enemy Control Unit. The Special Case procedure has been found to be valueless and is not used in that connection. There is no statutory authorization or other present justification for keeping a "custodial detention" list of citizens. The Department fulfills its proper functions by investigating the activities of persons who may have violated the law. It is not aided in this work by classifying persons as to dangerousness.

Apart from these general considerations, it is now clear to me that this classification system is inherently unreliable. The evidence used for the purpose of making the classifications was inadequate; the standards applied to the evidence for the purpose of making the classifications were defective; and finally, the notion that it is possible to make a valid determination as to how dangerous a person is in the abstract and without reference to time, environment, and other relevant circumstances, is impractical, unwise, and dangerous.

For the foregoing reasons I am satisfied that the adoption of this classification system was a mistake that should be rectified for the future. Accordingly, I direct that the classifications heretofore made should not be regarded as classifications of dangerousness or as a

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determination of fact in any sense. In the future, they should not be used for any purpose whatsoever. Questions raised as to the status or activities of a particular person should be disposed of by consideration of all available information, but without reference to any classification heretofore made.

A copy of this memorandum should be placed in the file of each person who has hitherto been given a classification. In addition, each card upon which a classification appears should be stamped with the following language:

"THIS CLASSIFICATION IS UNRELIABLE. IT IS  
HEREBY CANCELLED, AND SHOULD NOT BE USED  
AS A DETERMINATION OF DANGEROUSNESS OR OF  
ANY OTHER FACT. (SEE MEMORANDUM OF JULY 16,  
1943 FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO HUGH B.  
COX AND J. EDGAR HOOVER)."

Attorney General

Office Memorandum - United States Government

To: Director, FBI

Date: March 13, 1944

From: Seattle

Subject: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, WAS

INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau file 100-81803

There is enclosed herewith one photograph of subject who is a key figure in the Seattle Field Division.

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Photograph of HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON  
Seattle file 65-1399  
Bureau file 100-81803



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Harold T. Johnston  
65-1399-1a4

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Office Memorandum - United States Government

Attention: FBI Laboratory

To: Director, FBI

Date: April 1, 1944

From: Seattle

Subject:

HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, with aliases  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau file #100-81803

There is enclosed herewith handwriting specimen of subject who is a key figure in the Seattle Field Division. This handwriting specimen is being submitted for the National Security file.

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## Personal History Form

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Type of Card

Serial Number

Name in full Harold T. JohnstonAddress Box 100-A R#1 Kent WashTelephone No. noneSocial Security No. 537-09-9929Last Previous Address 1014 1st Ave W. KentAge 36 Sex M Height 5'4" Weight 175 Color of eyes Blue Hair BrownRace or color W Identifying scars noneCheck one:—Are you married? ☒ Single? ☐ Divorced? ☐ Widowed? ☐ Separated? ☐For what type of work are you applying or what is your present position machinistHow long have you been in this State? Born in Wash In this city? 7 yrsDate of Birth: Day May 29 Month May Year 1907Citizen of what country U.S. Birthplace: City Yakima State Wash Country U.S.Father's full name George A. JohnstonBirthplace CanadaCitizenship U.S.Mother's maiden name Lucy O'NealBirthplace OhioCitizenship U.S.

Wife's maiden name or

Husband's name Ann McPhersonBirthplace Mo.Citizenship U.S.

Close relatives—Fill out spaces below:

Name	Address	Relationship
<u>G.A. Johnston</u>	<u>Box 100-A Kent Wash</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Lucy Johnston</u>	<u>720 West Ray Seattle</u>	<u>mother</u>

In case of accident notify:

Name Ann JohnstonTelephone No. noneAddress Kent Wash Box 100-A R#1 Relationship wife

Family and Dependents:

Name	Birthplace	Relationship	Age
<u>Harold E. Johnston</u>	<u>San Luis Obispo Cal</u>	<u>son</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Beverly M. Johnston</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>daughter</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Michael Johnston</u>	<u>Kirkland Wash</u>	<u>son</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Bob Johnston</u>	<u>Kirkland Wash</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>2</u>

Handwriting specimen of:  
HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, was.  
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Seattle file #65-1399  
Bureau file #100-81803

Personal History Form

Do you have any foreign language proficiency? Give details none

Give names, address of all Organizations, Clubs, Societies, etc., to which you belong. (Trade, Professional, Social or Fraternal).

Building Service Employees Int Union Local 6  
Hope Lodge 79 Int Assoc of Machinists

Give three references, not including names of former employers, relatives, or employees of this company:

Name J.A. Sandvigen Address Seattle Wash

Name Jesse Fletcher Address Seattle Wash

Name Mervyn Cole Address Seattle Wash

If you are foreign born, complete the following:

Arrived in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ Via (name of ship) \_\_\_\_\_

Under what name entered \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Citizenship Papers \_\_\_\_\_ Naturalization No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place obtained: City and \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an alien give \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that my answer is true to the best of my belief.

Apr 7 1934  
Date

I certify that this applicant is \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSOCIATED SHIPBUILDERS**

and that his statements are correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Geo. H. Brown  
(Signature and Official Position)

**ASSOCIATED SHIPBUILDERS**  
(Address and Telephone Number)  
2727 16th AVE. S. W.  
**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

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Seattle file #65-1399  
Bureau file #100-81803



From	To	Firm Name	Address	Position Held	Name of Supervisor	Reason For Leaving	Av. Yearly Salary
1928	35	11/11/11	1903 1/2 3rd Ave. Seattle W.				

Give your address for the past five years:

1014 1st West Seattle Wash  
 505 12th Apt 23 Seattle Wash  
 Box 120-A RR#1 Kent Wash

Time spent outside of the U. S. in the past 15 years. Outline fully:

Country	Date In	Date Out	Passport No.	Date Issued
none				

Have you ever been fingerprinted? yes If so, when 1942 Where? Assoc. Ship Bldg

Why? fingerprint all employees

Have you ever been bonded? no If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ By whom bonded? \_\_\_\_\_

Has bond ever been refused? no If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ By whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Record of Arrests and jail sentences: If any, fill out spaces below.

Place	Charge	Penalty
1927-San Bernardino Calif	vagrancy	20 days

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Seattle file #65-1399  
Bureau file #100-81803

*Harold T. Johnston*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 4/24/44

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent MAX C. TURNER dated April 24, 1944. This is to advise that this case is being placed in a pending inactive status from the date of the above report for a period of six months.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SEATTLE**

FILE NO. **65-1399**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/24/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/8/44 2/24/44 3/21/44 4/16, 21/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>MAX C. TURNER</b> <div style="text-align: right;">VS</div>
TITLE <b>HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, with aliases</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject now employed as Assistant Business Agent of Machinest Union, Local 79, Seattle, Wn. Subject holds CP book #28799 and attends communist meetings; also recruits members for CP. Subject still holds offices of educational director and political director of Auburn, Wn., branch.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file 100-81803.  
Report of Special Agent MAX C. TURNER dated 10/30/43.

**DETAILS:** This subject has been made a "key figure" in regard to communist activities in the Seattle Field Division.

## PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. FRANK SMITH of the Plant Protection office at the Associated Shipyards Corporation advised that the subject HAROLD JOHNSTON resigned from the Associated Shipyards on March 6, 1944 because he had been elected to the position of Assistant Business Agent, Machinest Union, Local 79, Seattle, Washington. A termination slip showed that JOHNSTON gave as his reason for resigning that union activities required full time. The postmaster at Kent, Washington advised the writer that the subject was still residing at Route 1, Box 120-A, Kent, Washington and that he was receiving mail at this address.

Mr. STEVE BERRY on March 21, 1944 advised the writer that HAROLD JOHNSTON had been elected to the position of Assistant Business Agent of Machinest Union, Local 79, Seattle, Washington and that it was his understanding that he had resigned his job at the Associated Shipbuilding

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Leland V. Brundman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>100-81803-1134</b> <b>28 MAY 3 1944</b> <i>[Signature]</i>	RECEIVED SECURITY DIV. <b>SE 21</b> <b>RECORDED &amp; INDEXED 21</b> <b>EX - B</b>
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#### COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

\* Confidential Informant [ ] on 10/21/43 advised that the subject HAROLD JOHNSTON had paid his dues for membership in the Communist Party for the months of September, October and November of 1943.

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\* Confidential Informant [ ] advised that the subject's name HAROLD JOHNSTON was carried on the list known as the "200" list on which most of the names were those of prominent Communist Party members. Confidential Informant [ ] on 10/25/43 made available a list which was dated 4/1/43 and entitled "Over The Top Committee". The list presumably set forth the branch numbers for each of the individuals and the number of recruits gained by such persons. On this list was the name of Subject showing that he was a member of branch 204; that he had recruited two new members. Confidential Informant [ ] furnished a list of members at branch 204 on October 11, 1943 and among this list of members was the name of subject HAROLD JOHNSTON, showing book number 28799.

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that he attended a meeting on October 1, 1943 at the home of DELBERT and IRENE HAYES, Route 3, Box 123D, Auburn, Washington. This meeting was called for the purpose of establishing a new branch of the Communist Party in that area. At this meeting the subject HAROLD JOHNSTON was elected to the office of Educational Director and also was elected to the Political Action Committee. On December 13, 1943 Confidential Informant [ ] furnished a list which was entitled "Trade Union Conferences". Among those names appearing on this list was the subject HAROLD JOHNSTON.

\* Confidential Informant [ ] advised on December 21, 1943 that he had been recruited in the Communist Party in Seattle, Washington during May of 1943 by the efforts of L. C. HOOPS and HAROLD JOHNSTON.

Confidential Informant [ ] advised on February 8, 1944 that he had visited with one ROBERT INGALLS relative to Communist Party matters in the latter's home near Kent, Washington and INGALLS had advised him that JOHNSTON had been visiting with him INGALLS and had made the suggestion that a Communist Party branch be established for interested members and recruits residing around Kent, Washington.

On February 23, 1944, Confidential Informant [ ] advised that an enlarged executive committee of the North West district of the Communist Party held

a emergency meeting at the Communist Party headquarters, 910 $\frac{1}{2}$  3rd Avenue, Seattle, Washington. On February 21, 1944 each member received a special invitation to the meeting by either letter, telegram or telephone. There were approximately sixty-five present. LEONARD WILDMAN acted as chairman and among those present was subject HAROLD JOHNSTON.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The Seattle Field Division will continue to report communist activities of the subject in this area.

JWM:HEW  
100-81803

SAC, Seattle

May 12, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSON, with aliases  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Captioned individual's name appears on your Key Figure list. A review of this subject's file indicates the last report submitted was dated October 30, 1943.

Please submit a report bringing this subject's activities up to date.

Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
Mr. Rosen.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Mr. Carson.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Hendon.....  
Mr. McGuire.....  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 2, 1945

FROM : SAC, Seattle

SUBJECT: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, w.as.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent WILLIAM H. TERRY, JRA, dated February 2, 1945 at Seattle, Washington.

This is to advise that this case is being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of six months from the date of referenced report.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SEATTLE

FILE NO. 65-1399

REPORT MADE AT <b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-2-45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/16, 18, 19/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM H. TERRY, JR.</b> <span style="float: right;">eon</span>
TITLE <b>HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, with aliases</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON resides at Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Wn. and still employed as Asst. Business Manager of Machinists Union, Local 79, Seattle. Selective Service classification at LB 7, Seattle is 2A. Subject attended National Unity Convention of the CP and National Unity Rally at Seattle. JOHNSTON was candidate for State Committee to Northwest District Convention of CP.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 100-81803.  
Report of Special Agent MAX C. TURNER, at Seattle, Washington, dated April 24, 1944.

**DETAILS:**

HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON has been designated a key figure in Communist matters of this Field Division.

**PERSONAL HISTORY**

Postmaster at Kent, Washington, verified the Subject's address as Route 1, Box 579, Kent. He stated he was receiving mail at this address.

Through a suitable pretext it was ascertained that JOHNSTON is Assistant Business Agent of the Machinists Union, Local 79, in Seattle, Washington.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>L. V. Boardman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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ACTIVITIES

On May 12, 1944, Confidential Informant [ ] advised Special Agent MARVIN E. STROBLE that he identified HAROLD T. JOHNSTON as being present at the Northwest District Communist Party's National Unity Convention held at Victory Hall in Seattle, Washington, on May 7, 1944 at 10:00 a.m. The informant further stated that this meeting was attended only by prominent Communist Political Association members, States of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. FOIA b 7 D

On May 12, 1944, Confidential Informant [ ] advised Special Agent J. P. MacFARLAND that the Subject was present at a National Unity Rally held in the Moose Hall in Seattle at 8:00 p.m., May 6, 1944 and sponsored by the Communist Party. At this Rally an address was heard which was delivered by JAMES W. FORD (Negro), National Vice-Chairman of the Communist Party, U.S.A.

On June 13, 1944, Confidential Informant [ ] advised Special Agent JAMES E. FREANEY that the Northwest District of the Communist Party reconvened its convention on June 10 and 11, 1944 at 910 1/2 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Among the list of the candidates for the State Committee to this convention was HAROLD JOHNSTON, who was a representative from King County. It was at this meeting that resolutions were accepted to dissolve the Communist Party in the Seattle area and to adopt a constitution of the Communist Political Association.

Confidential Informant [ ] also made available to Special Agent JAMES E. FREANEY on June 26, 1944 information concerning the planning of certain Communist members in Seattle to disrupt several meetings held by what the Communists termed a Fascist group at the Plymouth Congregational Church, 6th and University Streets, Seattle, Washington, on June 19 and 20, 1944. Just prior to these meetings CARL REEVE, Administrative Secretary of the Communist Political Association had denounced the Fascist group and urged that all comrades would attend the meetings at the church and that the Communists must "break up these Fascists by interruption of the speakers and heckling". Among the hecklers in the audience at these meetings held in the church was one HAROLD T. JOHNSTON, who participated as he was directed.

On July 11, 1944 Special Agent JOHN D. FURRH, JR. obtained from [ ] a letter which was thought to be written by HENRY P. HUFF, President of the Communist Political Association in King County, and addressed to one "Johnnie". Essential parts of the letter dealing with the Subject are set out hereafter:

"Regarding the election of our State committee, we did seriously consider the question of trade union leaders as vice presidents -- in fact we had long and serious discussions with with the entire leading staff of the Building Service union on the subject but was unable to convince Jess that the step should be taken at this time. We disagreed with his position but considered it incorrect to go against his wishes. We did agree that the one leader which you referred to in your letter is to be added to the committee as a vice president within 90 days. This decision was in compliance with the opinions of Jess which were -- that some prevailing problems which might be complicated by such a move now could be cleared up within that length of time.

"As to the I.A.M. leader, after a careful consideration of the matter, we arrived at the conclusion that the move would not be timely at this time. We did however place a leading member of the I.A.M. local 79 who is a business agent, on the State Committee. This brother is Harold Johnson, a very able person who was a member of our Dist. Committee before the change." .....

On July 20, 1944 Confidential Informant T-1 informed Special Agent LOUIS R. WILSON that the International Association of Machinists Local 79 in Seattle is contemplating holding a trial some time in August to attempt to expel GLEN KINNEY and HUGH DELACY and Subject for alleged Communist activities and conduct unbecoming a member of the Union.

On August 2, 1944 Special Agent DEAN ROLSTON advised that Confidential Informant T-2 had presented him with the minutes of the State Committee meeting of the Washington State Communist Political Association which was held on June 9, 1944. This meeting was called to order by President HENRY HUFF, and a discussion was had on 1944 elections and the next steps to be taken; immediate organizational-educational task of Washington State Communist Political Association; and discussion on proposals and assignments.

President HUFF recommended that all members of the State Committee from the First Congressional District be assigned to the leading of the election canvassing and to lead largest mobilization of forces ever accomplished on primary day (voting day); forces to go from door to door, use their cars and get voters to the polls.

All other members of the State Committee be assigned to mobilizing forces in their respective counties and to get voters to polls on primary day. Immediately following primaries the following members of the State Committee be assigned to completing control of membership in their respective counties by July 21, 1944. One of the individuals representing King County to the State Committee was HAROLD T. JOHNSTON.

On September 13, 1944 Confidential Informant T-3 advised Special Agents JAMES E. FREANEY and WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR. that he had that day observed at Communist Political Association Headquarters at Seattle the minutes of a meeting of the Trade Union Committee for HUGH DeLACY. Examination of these minutes reflected that the meeting was held on June 26, 1944, presumably at Communist Political Association Headquarters in Seattle. The meeting had as its principal business the drafting of advertisements condemning the defeatist attitudes and the contacting of Trade Union leaders concerning their action as "Peace Now advocates". A number of committees were named and HAROLD JOHNSTON was one of five members named to the "money-raising committee for the HUGH De LACY campaign".

On September 8, 1944 Confidential Informant [ ] furnished to Special Agent GEORGE S. WITHY a rough draft memorandum secured from Communist Political Association Headquarters in Seattle. This memorandum was headed "Windsor Room, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Wednesday, 7:30". This memorandum contained a list of names which is believed to be the names of those people scheduled to attend this meeting. Among the names listed was HAROLD T. JOHNSTON.

The Communist Political Association and the New World, a Communist controlled paper, advertised a political rally featuring ROBERT MINOR as the guest speaker.

On October 10, 1944 [ ] informed Special Agents LOUIS R. WILSON and JAMES E. FREANEY that he attended the ROBERT MINOR Rally which was held at the Moore Theater in Seattle on October 8, 1944 from approximately 7:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Among the members present the informant identified one as HAROLD JOHNSTON.

On November 2, 1944 [ ] furnished Special Agent JAMES E. FREANEY with information which indicated that he was present at a meeting of the District and Labor Campaign leaders of the Communist Political Association which was held on October 30, 1944 at the Swedish Club in Seattle. The informant recognized HAROLD JOHNSTON as one of the comrades who were present.

On November 20, 1944 [ ] informed Special Agents BRANTLY P. CHAPPELL and JAMES E. FREANEY that there would be a special King County Functionaries meeting of the Communist Political Association on November 15, 1944 at Headquarters. Among the functionaries who appeared at this meeting and identified by the informant was the Subject.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

At Seattle, Wn.

Will follow and report the Communist activities of the Subject in this area.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T-1: JOHN E. ~~BECK~~, 12586 15th Avenue N.E., a member of the International Association of Machinists, who because of his position is being designated as a temporary informant.

T-2: A highly confidential source.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 9, 1945

FROM : SAC, Seattle

SUBJECT: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, w.as.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent JOSEPH G. WALTERS, dated October 9, 1945, at Seattle, Washington.

This is to advise that this case is being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of six months from the date of referenced report.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SEATTLE**

FILE NO. **65-1399**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-9-45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/7, 10, 11, 12/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOSEPH G. WALTERS</b>
TITLE <b>HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject still resides Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Wn. and is employed as Asst. Business Agent of the International Association of Machinists, Local 79, Seattle, Washington. Subject is a member of the State Committee of the CP in Seattle, Wn. and accompanied HENRY WUFF to the National Convention of the CP in New York City. Subject is active in CP affairs and has attended many meetings.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM H. TERRY, JR., dated February 2, 1945 at Seattle, Washington.

**DETAILS**

Residence and Business

Mr. W. W. CLARK, Assistant Post Master, Kent, Washington, advised that the Subject still resides and receives mail at Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington. This information was also attested to by THOMAS W. PEARSON, mail carrier, who advised in addition that the Subject has not received through the mail any Communistic literature recently to his knowledge.

Mr. STEVE BARRY, former Assistant Business Agent, International Association of Machinists, Local 79, advised Special Agent JOSEPH P.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*[Signature]*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MacFARLAND that HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON is the present Assistant Business Agent of that Union and that the office is located in the Labor Temple, First and Clay Street, Seattle, Washington.

Communist Party Activities

An article appearing in the New World, Seattle, Washington, on June 15, 1944, stated under the title "Communists Pledge to Back the Attack" an all-out effort to expand production to back the attack and to build national unity behind President Roosevelt was pledged by delegates representing 3500 Communists in Washington, Idaho and Oregon, meeting in Seattle over the weekend. The delegates unanimously endorsed the action of the recent National Convention in dissolving the Communist Party and forming a non-partisan Communist Political Association. The article then went on to state what individuals had been elected to the various offices of the Communist Political Association and stated a State Committee was also elected, including HAROLD JOHNSTON, etc. The State Committee referred to in this article is the CPA State Committee for the State of Washington. The New World is an official propaganda organ of the CPA in Seattle, Washington.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he overheard a conversation between JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Secretary, CPA, and CARL REEVE, Secretary of the 12th District, CPA on December 2, 1944 between 10:20 and 11:58 a.m. During this conversation WILLIAMSON stated to REEVE that they should develop more members in the local labor unions and in reply to that statement CARL REEVE advised that their efforts among the labor unions had been considerable and that they had several CPA members who were well up in various labor unions and went on to state, "In the Machinists we have four leaders, HAROLD JOHNSTON, REED (Business Agent), STEVE TAYLOR." The informant was unable to overhear any mention of the fourth individual.

The following article appeared in the New World for December 21, 1944 under the heading "Scan Educational Plan for Labor". The following committee has been set up to investigate the possibilities of an educational program in the labor movement:

~~M. E. McLAREN~~, Secretary, Seattle Metal  
Trades Council.

~~EDWARD FRIEL~~, Business Agent, Painters Union

~~CARL BROOKS~~, Dispatcher, Ship Scalers Union

~~Mrs. FLORENCE BEAN JAMES~~, Co-Director, Seattle  
Repertory Playhouse

~~MERWIN SOLE~~, Secretary, Building Service Employees  
Northwest District Council

~~JOHN DASCHBACH~~, shipyard worker

~~HENRY HUTCHINSON~~, President and

~~HAROLD JOHNSTON~~, Business Agent, Machinists Hope  
Lodge 79.

STEPHEN TAYLOR, Editor, Machinists Bulletin  
DR. RALPH GUNDLACH, University of Washington, and  
MISS HILDA HANSEN, Secretary, Seattle CIO Council

with the exception of Mr. M. E. McLAREN and Mr. HENRY HUTCHINSON, the individuals mentioned in this article are known members of the CPA, and Mr. HUTCHINSON associates frequently with members of the CPA and is believed to be in sympathy with many of their policies.

Confidential Informant T-2 furnished Special Agents GEORGE S. WITHY and JOHN D. FURRH a mimeographed copy entitled "Plan of Work for December 1944 and January 1945, Northwest District, Communist Political Association". Under the heading "Exchange of Membership Cards" was the article "All States, Counties and Clubs shall study over the 'Instructions for Exchange of Membership Cards' which have been distributed on a district scale. Responsibility for the exchange of membership cards is as follows: HENRY HUFF and EARL PAYNE, Southwest Washington and Oregon; CARL REEVE, Eastern Washington and Idaho; RALPH HALL, Northwest Washington; BABA JEANNE BEARS, Tacoma; BARBARA HARTLE, ELLE MACRATH, JESSIE HARRIS, EARL GEORGE, HARVEY JACKINS, HAROLD JOHNSTON and MARION GIMMOZZI in King County". It is noted that the Subject is listed as being one of the individuals responsible for the exchanging of membership cards in King County.

On May 5, 1945, a confidential source made available to Special Agents KENNETH A. LOFGREN, PHILIP SCHIEDERMAYER, GEORGE H. ASDELL, CHARLES R. LYON and GEORGE S. WITHY a document on which is listed the 1944 CPA cards by numbers showing the allocation to each of the clubs. It appears that club officials were required to sign for these cards. Heading of the sheet of paper was "1944 Books". Under the number 135, which is believed to refer to the branch of the CPA, were the following numbers: 89304 to 89328 void; 89308 signed for by H. JOHNSTON. It is believed that these numbers refer to CP membership books and that Subject was required to sign and receipt these books.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that on July 18, 1944, she overheard a conversation between HAROLD JOHNSTON and BARBARA HARTLE in which he advised BARBARA HARTLE that he had the majority secured by Friday night, (It is believed by the informant he was referring to new enrollments) and that he would help distribute New World leaflets at Auburn, Washington. BARBARA HARTLE replied that if the people were oked to sign them up, even if they cannot be seen personally.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that on September 19, 1944, she overheard a conversation between JESSIE HARRIS and the Subject. JESSIE HARRIS is a known CPA functionary in the Seattle Office of the CPA. The conversation was as follows: JESSIE HARRIS asked the Subject if he had seen the person she asked him to contact. He advised that he had had no luck as yet. JESSIE

HARRIS then asked him if he thought he would be able to get him. The Subject replied, Yes he thinks he will eventually get him but that it will take a little time.

JESSIE HARRIS then went on to state that there was another man she wanted to talk to the Subject about. The conversation from here on was not secured by the informant and it was believed that they were discussing individuals who HAROLD JOHNSTON was attempting to recruit into the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-3 again advised that on December 30, 1944 she overheard a conversation between ~~GENEVIEVE BAKER~~ and CARL REEVE. CARL REEVE is a known CP functionary, being assistant in charge of the Northwest District, and GENEVIEVE BAKER was Executive Secretary of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. CARL REEVE was inquiring concerning her progress in organizing the PAUL ROBSON meeting, and she advised that she had been unable to secure representatives of business in the City of Seattle to speak at the meeting but that Paul Robson advised that he would speak on the Subject "African-Colony". CARL then advised that he wanted representatives from the Boeing Union to speak which would probably be ~~CLIFF STONE~~, and from the Machinists Union it would be either SANDVIGAN, HAROLD JOHNSTON or ~~GLEN KINNEY~~. They then went on to discuss various other phases of this meeting, which was to be a meeting open to the public to create additional interest of the populace of the City of Seattle in the program of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Confidential Informant T-3 again advised that on February 1, 1945, she overheard a conversation between ~~PHYL GILLETTE~~ and ~~BABA JEANNE DECKER~~, both known CP functionaries in the Northwest District. They were discussing finances of the Tacoma Branch of the CP and went on to discuss two individuals transferring to the Auburn Branch. During their discussion of this transfer, PHYL GILLETTE made the statement that HAROLD and ~~ANN JOHNSTON~~ are members of the Auburn Club.

Confidential Informant T-3 again advised that she overheard a conversation on February 14, 1945 between BARBARA HARTLE and RALPH HALL, both known functionaries of the Communist Party in Seattle, Washington, in which BARBARA HARTLE suggested to RALPH HALL that the following telegram be sent to various individuals including HAROLD JOHNSTON at Auburn: "RECEIVED WIRE NATIONAL COMMITTEE REGISTRATION UNSATISFACTORY. CALL FOR ALL OUT MOBILIZATION IMMEDIATELY AND REPORT MONDAY" (Signed Heinie). It is believed by the informant that the registration referred to is the change that the Communist Party made from the Communist Party to the Communist Political Association.

Confidential Informant T-3 again advised that on April 20, 1945 she overheard a conversation between ~~HEINIE HUFF~~, leading functionary of the Communist Party in Seattle, and TOM RABBITT, a known member of the CPA, during which HUFF advised RABBITT that they had decided at the last Board meeting to call together all "our men" in the A.F. of L. on that question we discussed.

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"We can meet in your office (WCF) on Monday or Tuesday night at 7:30. You press HAROLD JOHNSTON, DEL CASTLE and MERWIN COLE and I'll get BARBARA HARTLE to work on it too. We'll get the key people to organize it. We should set it up on a broad committee". TOM asked if only "our people" are to be there. HENRY HUFF replied "Yes". It is not known to what program they were referring but all the individuals mentioned are known members of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-4 advised that he overheard a conversation between CARL REEVE and BILL DOBBINS on October 17, 1944, in which they discussed various things, including the registration for the coming election. They discussed the fact that an individual by the name of THOMAS was in charge of the registration and would send out the cards notifying the various members of the Communist Party about their registration when it would be too late for them to register to vote. BILL DOBBINS said he would go down to the City Hall and see SCAVOTTO about this. CARL REEVE then asked BILL DOBBINS if he thought "that Committee with HAROLD JOHNSTON and those other fellows" ought to get together again. BILL DOBBINS replied that he didn't know whether it would be desirable but that he would have to leave that up to the majority.

Confidential Informant T-4 advised that he was present and overheard a meeting of various Communist Party club officials which was held in the hallway of Communist Party Headquarters just outside of CARL REEVE's office. BARBARA HARTLE opened the meeting and urged the members to collect dues. From the subject of dues she spoke on political education and outlined the following points that the club should concentrate on in the next two months:

1. December and January, results of elections.
2. New trends on trade unions and labor.
3. Was not audible to the informant.
4. The Communist Political Association and the future.

BARBARA HARTLE then told them that a speaker has been appointed for each club and that the club officials should get in contact with their speakers and arrange for the time and place. The following names were heard and their respective clubs: HAROLD JOHNSTON--identification of the club not obtained, etc. The above people are to speak about fifteen minutes and following their speech there is to be club discussion according to the instructions of BARBARA HARTLE. BARBARA HARTLE is a known Communist Party functionary in Seattle, Washington.

Confidential Informant T-4 advised that he overheard on April 17, 1945, a conversation between HENRY HUFF and CARL REEVE, the leading CP functionaries in Seattle, Washington, during which HUFF stated to REEVE that it was a good thing he had gone over to see HAROLD JOHNSTON this morning because even "guys" like him don't read their Daily Worker the way they should and keep with things the way they should. HUFF then went on to state he had told JOHNSTON about the Board meeting and at the same time he had discussed the program of this meeting with him.



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Confidential Informant T-4 advised he overheard a conversation on July 9, 1945 between HENRY HUFF, CARL REEVE and BARBARA HARTLE. CARL REEVE mentioned the Board meeting this coming Saturday. They went on to state that all delegates should report to register and should have their credentials with them when they report. They then thought Saturday afternoon would be all right for the delegates to report and register. HENRY HUFF then asked how big the nomination committee was last year. BARBARA HARTLE replied "about fifteen". HENRY HUFF then stated, "I have here a total of 21, myself, CARL REEVE, BARBARA HARTLE, KARLEY ~~BARSEN~~, RALPH HALL, HAROLD JOHNSTON, etc." It is believed that these individuals mentioned by HENRY HUFF were the Nomination Committee for the Northwest District Convention.

On March 19, 1945, a highly confidential source made available to Special Agents HENRY G. WALKER, HERBERT R. VAN BRUNT, KENNETH A. LOFGREN a number of 3 x 5 cards containing the names and addresses of designated individuals who were members of various CPA clubs in the State of Washington; under the heading "Club 200—Auburn" appeared the name of HAROLD JOHNSTON.

On May 5, 1945 a highly confidential source furnished to Special Agents GEORGE S. WIThey, KENNETH A. LOFGREN, PHILIP L. SCHIEDERMAYER, CHARLES R. LYON and GEORGE H. ASDELL certain records maintained at CPA Headquarters originally in the possession of JESSIE HARRIS. A list of card numbers maintained by JESSIE HARRIS obviously indicated persons to whom she had given CPA cards for distribution to Club members. The names listed below were included on the list, followed by card numbers: HAROLD J., Auburn, Washington. (It is believed that HAROLD J. referred to HAROLD JOHNSTON).

Confidential Informant T-5 advised that he attended a meeting on July 18, 1945 at Victory Hall, which meeting was supposed to be a meeting of Branch 350 of the CPA, during which meeting various things were discussed and one of the topics discussed by JACK ~~BLAIR~~, known CPA member, was the members of the CPA who were designated to be delegates from the Northwest District to the National Convention of the CPA in New York City. These members consisted of HENRY HUFF, BARBARA HARTLE, HAROLD JOHNSTON and RED WALLACE. They were to represent the Northwest District of the CPA at the National Convention.

The following CPA meetings were attended by Subject:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Nature of Meeting</u>	<u>Source</u>
1-24-45	CPA Headquarters	CPA Leadership School for outstanding CPA leaders	T-2
12-4-44	Scaler's Hall	CPA Rally for John Williamson, National officer of CPA	T-2

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3-23-45	Aerie Room, Eagles Hall	Annual Convention of Washington Commonwealth Federation	T-2
4-13-45	CPA Headquarters	CPA Leadership meeting	T-2
3-6-45	Moose Hall	Memorial meeting for Mother Bloor	Special Agents JOHN E. FORESTER JOHN A. BOGDAN HERBERT P. LARSON
4-24-45	Washington Commonwealth Federation Office	Special Party meeting re candidates for President of Washington State Fed. of Labor	T-6
7-15-45	CPA Headquarters	CPA State Convention	T-7
7-28-45	CPA Headquarters	Meeting of Branch 350 of King County Communist Party	T-5
7-8-45	Ship Scaler's Hall	King County Membership meeting of CPA	T-2, T-6 T-7

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At Seattle, Wn.

Will follow and report the activities of the Subject.



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T-7: ~~MARCO NEWELL~~, Investigator for the Seattle Port of Embarkation, U. S. Army, who is given a temporary symbol inasmuch as he is an investigator for the Seattle Port of Embarkation of the U. S. Army.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director - FBI

DATE: May 9, 1946

FROM : SAC, Seattle (1)

SUBJECT: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent CHESTER L. JACOBY dated May 9, 1946 at Seattle, Washington in the captioned case, five copies of which report are enclosed herewith.

This is to advise that this case is being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of six months from the date of the referenced report.

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FILE NO. **65-1399**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SEATTLE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/9/46</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/23, 24, 29; 5/1, 2/46</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHESTER L. JACOBY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>KM</b></span>
TITLE <b>HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, was</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY-C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject still resides Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington and is employed as Assistant Business Agent of the International Association of Machinists Local 79, Seattle. Subject is member of Northwest District Committee of CP and of State Committee of CP. He was chairman of the second session of the special 12th District Convention, is active in CP affairs, and regularly attends important functions.

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**References:** Report of Special Agent JOSEPH G. WALTERS dated 10/9/45 at Seattle, Washington.

**Details:** Personal History

Under appropriate pretext, the writer verified on May 1, 1946 that the subject is still residing at Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington and that he is employed as Assistant Business Agent, International Association of Machinists, Local 79, Labor Temple, First and Clay Street, Seattle, Washington.

Communist Activities

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on July 13, 1945 that HENRY HUFF, Chairman of the Communist Party, 12th District, directed that a telegram be sent to the Governor Clinton Hotel in New York City requesting a single room and bath for July 25 to 28, 1945. HUFF suggested that the name CARL JOHNSTON be used and observed that reservations for three other persons had already been placed. It is noted that HAROLD JOHNSTON was elected as a delegate to the National CPA Convention held in New York

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on July 26, 1945 along with HUFF, BARBARA HARTLE and RED WALLACE. It is, therefore, believed that the reservations to be made in the name of CARL JOHNSTON was in reality for HAROLD JOHNSTON.

Confidential Informants T-2 and T-3 each identified the subject as being present at the special convention of the Northwest District CPA held on July 15, 1945 at Victory Hall. The convention began at 10 A.M. and finished at 10:30 P.M. Confidential Informant T-3 reported that the presiding committee for this convention was also known as the "Committee of 9" and that it was formed for the purpose of discussing the affairs of the CPA in the interim period pending re-establishment of the CP. He stated that the following were members of this committee: HENRY HUFF, CARL REEVE, BARBARA HARTLE, MERWYN COLE, HAROLD JOHNSTON, BILL DOBBINS, ELLEN McGRATH, EARL GEORGE, and CARLY LARSON.

This informant further stated that HAROLD JOHNSTON was a member of the Resolutions Committee for this convention. T-3 further reported that HAROLD JOHNSTON was chairman of the afternoon session of this convention. Complete information concerning the activities of the convention has previously been reported to the Bureau in connection with the investigation of the CP, USA, 12th District.

Confidential Informant T-6 supplied Special Agent WILLIAM H. SANDWEG with the minutes of the CP Board meeting held at Party headquarters on July 20, 1945. According to the minutes, the subject was among those present at the meeting. The minutes further reflected the following as its agenda:

1. Election of a chairman.
2. Election of a secretary.
3. Reports on political and labor committees.
4. Discussion and action of proposals.
5. Informational reports on other committees.

The original of these minutes is being retained in the Seattle file concerning the CP, USA, 12th District and complete information concerning this meeting has been supplied to the Bureau in an investigative report on that case.

Confidential Informant T-1 has reported that on August 3, 1945 HELEN HUFF, CP functionary, contacted HAROLD JOHNSTON and advised him there would be a leadership meeting on the following Monday night but that the place of the meeting had not as yet been selected.

Confidential Informant T-1 subsequently advised that this leadership meeting was a special meeting of the leadership committee and that it would be held at the BSEU Hall, 1905 1/2 Third Avenue on August 7, 1945.

Special Agents JOHN E. FORESTER, JOSEPH P. Mac FARLAND, and GEORGE S. WITHY observed the persons who entered that address between 9 and 9:15 A. M. inasmuch as that was the time set for the assembly of the meeting, and the subject was observed to enter at that time.

Confidential Informant T-4 furnished a report of the meeting of the presiding committee of the Northwest District, CP on August 18, 1945. At this meeting BARBARA HARTLE, as Executive chairman of the committee on leadership, read off the characterizations which the leadership committee had prepared on members of the district committee and the Washington State committee of the CPA to ascertain if they were fit to be re-elected to the same position in the new Communist Party. HARTLE announced, according to the report supplied by T-4, that the committee had carefully studied each person. The characterization of the subject as read by BARBARA HARTLE is as follows:

"HAROLD JOHNSTON - Twelve years in party. Parents, farmers. Agricultural work and industry. Took part in agricultural works and lumbermen's strike of N. W. Loyal and devoted member. Dependable in difficult times and situations. Willing to accept criticism. Underestimates own ability and needs to accept more responsibility. Signed and accepted by him".

Confidential Informant T-4 also reported on August 18, 1945 that at the meeting of the CP leaders at Party Headquarters on that date it was decided to nominate and elect HAROLD JOHNSTON as chairman of the second session of the special district convention of the CP. Confidential Informant T-3 has advised that HAROLD JOHNSTON was present at the Second session of the special emergency Northwest District Convention of the CP which was held at Shipsalers Hall on August 18 and 19, 1945 and that he acted as chairman of the session which was held on August 19, 1945.

Various informants of the Seattle office had reported that a 38 man District Committee of the CP, 12th District, was elected at the second session of the special emergency convention of the CP on August 19, 1945. Confidential Informants T-4 and T-6 have listed HAROLD JOHNSTON as being a member of this 38 man district committee. They have also advised that he is a member of the Washington State Committee of the CP. Confidential Informant T-4 stated that he obtained his information from a letter which was written by HENRY P. HUFF, chairman of the CP, 12th District, presumably to the National Office of the CP on August 25, 1945, in which letter HAROLD JOHNSTON's name was set forth as third on the list.

Confidential Informants T-4 and T-6 have also advised that at the above special convention the subject was elected to membership on the legislative committee, the Trade Union Committee, the Youth Committee, and the Speakers Bureau.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised Special Agent GEORGE S. WITHY that he attended a meeting of the King County CP at the Building Service Employees Union Hall on Monday, September 10, 1945, and that HAROLD JOHNSTON was also present at this meeting. This meeting is described as the first general meeting and was called to consider the National Convention which desired the fullest possible discussion of all Communist policy.

Confidential Informant T-7 has reported that the subject intended to attend a party on September 10, 1945 which was to celebrate the marriage of HENRY P. HUFF and HELEN ROARK LORIMER; however, the marriage was postponed and the party was not held at that time.

Confidential Informant T-6 supplied Special Agent WILLIAM H. SANDWEG on September 24, 1945 with a list of names which the informant had obtained from the headquarters of the CP, 12th District. This list is believed to be of members of the CP who were considered by Party functionaries to be interested in a Party workers school which was then contemplated by the CP for the period October 22 through October 28, 1945. This list includes the name of the subject and is being retained in the Seattle files concerning the CP, USA, 12th District.

Confidential Informant T-7 reported on September 28, 1945 that on that date MARION CAMOZZI was notifying various members of Branch 350 of the King County CP so that they might attend an educational conference of that Branch to be held on September 29, 1945 at 11 A. M. Among others, she contacted the subject; however, he advised that he would be unable to attend this meeting.

Confidential Informant T-1 has also advised that HELEN HUFF told HAROLD JOHNSTON on October 4, 1945 that the District Board meeting of the CP is being held that night at the Swedish Hall. According to this source, JOHNSTON later told HENRY HUFF that he would be late for this meeting as he also had to attend a union meeting and was also going to a dinner given by the King County Board of Commissioners for a sub-committee of which he, JOHNSTON, was the chairman. Confidential Informant T-3 advised Special Agent THOMAS M. KERNDT that the subject was among the approximate 400 persons present at the 26th Anniversary get-together party of the CP which was held at the Polish Hall on October 12, 1945.

Confidential Informant T-1 has informed that BARBARA HARTLE, CP functionary, told HAROLD JOHNSTON on October 16, 1945 that there would be a meeting on the following Thursday at 8 P. M. at the home of HENRY HUFF. According to this informant, JOHNSTON indicated that he would be present at that meeting.

On December 17, 1945, Confidential Informant T-1 informed that TOM RABBITT, State Senator, had met with HENRY HUFF and they agreed to get



together that night since HUFF wanted to leave the city on Party business for 2 or 3 days. RABBITT agreed to call BILL DOBBINS, BILL PENNOCK, HAROLD JOHNSTON, and an individual referred to as the "big guy" so that they could all get together. It is believed that by the "big guy" they meant either HUGH DELACY, who is a representative in Congress from the State of Washington, or JERRY O'CONNELL. According to T-1 RABBITT later informed HUFF that he had been unable to get in touch with JOHNSTON but that he expected to reach him before the time for the meeting.

Confidential Informant T-1 further reported on February 27, 1946 that BARBARA HARTLE had on that date contacted the subject and that she had told JOHNSTON that the CP District Board meeting usually held on Thursday would be held on the following Friday at the Scalpers Hall.

Confidential Informant T-1 was also present at a meeting between ANDY REMES and the subject on March 5, 1946. At that time REMES instructed JOHNSTON to call CHARLES CARROLL or his campaign manager and "raise hell about their trying to dictate union policies". JOHNSTON promised to do this. This informant also reported that on the following day BARBARA HARTLE was in contact with JOHNSTON at which time she asked him to solicit "the gang at the machinists in the next day or so and raise some dough as the treasury (of the CP) is broke from so many campaigns", etc. BARBARA HARTLE then suggested JOHNSTON give this assignment to someone called AL since she and others at Party headquarters were always calling on JOHNSTON and the others (apparently other Party members) should work too. JOHNSTON told HARTLE that he thought AL would do it and that he would talk to him about it. HARTLE asked JOHNSTON to come into headquarters and talk things over whenever he had time and JOHNSTON also promised to do this. He further told HARTLE that he was preparing an open letter to CHARLES CARROLL which he was going to have published in the Machinists paper regardless of the consequences. He said that he wanted all the members to know how CARROLL "turned into a rat". HARTLE agreed that it was a good thing to put pressure on CARROLL.

It might be stated that this reference to CARROLL is to CHARLES CARROLL who was a candidate for City Councilman in Seattle at that time and had received CP support during the primary campaign. Subsequent to his successful candidacy in the primaries, CARROLL attempted to discredit his CP support and attempted to withdraw from participation. Some joint campaign literature which was being issued by the Party ranked him with TERRY PETTUS and Reverend BEN DAVIS, both of whom were members of and supported by the CP. The CP felt that CARROLL's change in attitude had been occasioned by pressure put on him by members of the Seattle Transit Union, of which he is a member, and by friends who, like himself, were members of the Catholic faith. The CP felt that they had been instrumental in securing CARROLL's nomination in the primaries and that his friends should not be allowed to influence him to withdraw from joint activity with the Communists.

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This attempted action by CARROLL caused vigorous protest by CP members and the above instance is set forth to show the domination of the CP over JOHNSTON's activity as an official of a labor union.

The "AL" referred to above is believed by Confidential Informant T-1 to be ALBERT J. REED, Senior, an official of the Machinists Union, who has subsequently become the CP's contact with that Union.

It may also be mentioned that Confidential Informant T-8 on June 25, 1945 informed that RALPH HALL had contacted JOHNSTON and had invited him to HALL's home, 2004-8th Avenue North, at 6:30 P.M. on June 26, 1945 at which time HENRY HUFF and others would be there.

Confidential Informant T-3 has reviewed various photographs made available by Confidential Informant T-5 and from such review has identified HAROLD JOHNSTON as being present in photographs taken at the following CP functions:

The King County CP convention in the Polish Hall on April 25, 1943.

Northwest District convention of the CP at Party headquarters on May 7, 1944.

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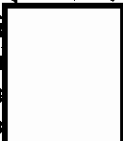
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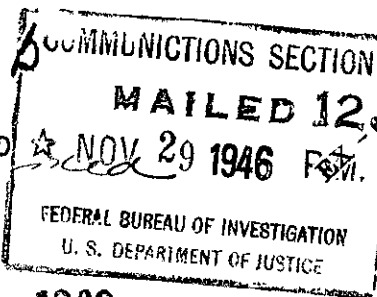
Your office is instructed to submit a report prepared in summary fashion in the instant case which will reflect admissible evidence tending to prove:

1. Subject's membership in or affiliation with the Communist Party
2. Subject's knowledge of the revolutionary aims and purposes of the Party

This report will reflect, witness by witness, only the available evidence. Informants' identities shall not be disclosed, but they shall be protected by temporary symbols.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-9-46</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-20, 21, 22, 25; 12-3, 4-46</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HARRY B. MURDOCK gvh</b>
TITLE <b>HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, with aliases</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject continues residence at Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington, and employment as Associate Business Agent of International Association of Machinists, Local 79, Seattle. Subject elected chairman of 5-man leadership committee within CP District Labor Committee on 5-4-46. Subject remains active in CP activities in Seattle area.

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**Reference:** Report of Special Agent CHESTER L. JACOBY dated 5-9-46 at Seattle, Washington

**Details:** On May 4, 1946, Confidential Informant T-8 reported that at the Party's Labor Committee meeting held that date at 602 Third Avenue, Seattle, a 5-man committee was elected at the meeting with the subject nominated and elected as chairman and WILLIAM "RED" WALLACE as secretary. ANDREW REMES was the speaker at this meeting; and he indicated that the 5-man committee would be responsible for giving leadership to the county labor committees throughout the 12th District. REMES further stated that this committee was to be responsible for all comrades in all trade union organizations and members of the committee were to acquaint themselves with the trade union movement, both locally and world-wide.

On April 23, 1946, Confidential Informant T-1 provided Special Agent GEORGE H. ASDELL with a list of individuals which was obtained by the informant from the CP headquarters, Empress Building, in Seattle. The subject's name was contained on this list.

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On May 20, 1946, this same informant furnished information to Special Agent GEORGE H. ASDELL to the effect that the subject's name appeared on a list captioned, "D Committee - Labor Committee," which is believed to be a list of names of individuals belonging to the District Labor Committee of the Communist Party.

The records of the Seattle Credit Bureau were checked by Special Agent PHILIP L. SCHIEDERMAYER on August 26, 1946, in an effort to ascertain the identity of the subject's wife. The records reflected that on October 2, 1936, ANN McPHERRON, an employee of the Morningside Hospital, and resident of 1217 - 17th Avenue, Bremerton, Washington, married Dr. RICHARD L. NELSON, a dentist, at Kirkland, Washington. It is noted that Dr. NELSON was recently a candidate for office in this area and is known to be an associate of the Communists in this area. In 1942, ANN McPHERRON divorced Dr. RICHARD L. NELSON and was thereafter married to HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, the subject of this case.

In the August 21, 1946, edition of the "New World," Seattle, Washington, an article appeared which stated, "A call for labor to demonstrate its strength in streets of Seattle on Labor Day has been issued to AFL and CIO unions here by HAROLD JOHNSTON, United Labor Day Parade Committee Chairman and business agent of International Association of Machinists, Hope Lodge 79 (unaffiliated)." This article was apparently for the purpose of soliciting aid in the participation and organization of a Labor Day parade.

On June 10, 1946, Confidential Informant T-1 provided Special Agent GEORGE H. ASDELL with a list of persons dated May 8, 1946, which is believed to contain the names of individuals attending the special school for trade union leaders held at the Building Service Employees Union Hall on May 8 and 15, 1946. It is noted that the subject's name appears thereon. This same informant on May 20, 1946, furnished Special Agent ASDELL with a list of 87 names under the headings of HEINE, ANDY, VAN, and RALPH. It is believed that this list of names of various CP members is a list of committees or individuals who are in some way responsible to the person whose name appears in the heading. It is noted that the subject's name appears under the name "ANDY" and that the names in the heading apparently refer to HENRY P. HUFF, Chairman, ANDREW REMES, Secretary, CLAYTON VAN DYDEGRAF, and RALPH HALL, functionaries of the Northwest District of the CP.

Confidential Informant T-2 attended a meeting of the Labor Committee of the CP at the Swedish Club in Seattle on August 20, 1946, and he reported that the subject was present at this meeting. He stated that the subject at the meeting was endeavoring to get the AFL and CIO to cooperate in a Labor Day parade.

On August 13, 1946, Confidential Informant T-1 furnished Special Agent HAROLD L. CHILD with two lists of names, both headed, "Full time school," which names were divided according to sections, districts, and labor groups, which were secured from CP headquarters. The name of the subject appears on one of these lists.

The subject's employment as associate business agent of the International Association of Machinists, Local 79, Seattle, and his residence at Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington, have been appropriately verified as of December 3, 1946.

Confidential Informant T-4 reported that on August 29, 1945, ELEANOR MacMICKLE reported to HENRY HUFF that the subject is interested in youth work. Confidential Informant T-4 on May 14, 1946, related that the subject in a report to ANDREW REMES said that they had voted about \$200.00 the preceding night for DE LACY and they made arrangements to meet the next day. Confidential Informant T-4 also reported that on October 21, 1946, the subject told ANDREW REMES that they had a meeting that morning and that he was available for full time work on the election campaign and that they would get organized later.

Confidential Informant T-5 on August 8, 1945, stated that he had heard BARBARA HARTLE say that the subject was on the Constitutional Committee of the National Convention. Special Agents GEORGE S. WITHY and JOHN E. FORRESTER attended a meeting of the CP convention of the 12th District on August 19, 1945, at the Ship Scalpers Hall, at which meeting the subject was noted in attendance.

Confidential Informant T-1 reported on September 24, 1945, that the subject's name was contained on a list of names of possible members for a workers school contemplated by the CP 12th District for October 22 through 28, 1945.

Confidential Informant T-6 reported that the subject attended the CP National Convention at New York City and that at the first session on July 26, 1945, he was elected to the Constitutional Committee from the State of Washington. This informant also advised that the subject attended the Constitutional Committee meeting at the Fraternal Clubhouse, New York City, on July 7, 1945. He also said that the subject had attended a panel on reconversion and jobs on Friday, July 27, 1945, where he spoke on the AFL unions in Seattle. Informant further stated that at the 4th convention session on July 28, the subject entered into the discussion.

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Confidential Informant T-7 reported that the subject's name was contained on a list of subscribers to the "Daily Worker" in King County, at which time his address was Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington. This list was observed at CP headquarters on October 19 and December 7, 1945.

On December 7, 1945, a highly confidential source made available to this office a number of 3x5 cards containing names and thought to be the personal records of RALPH HALL, functionary of the King County CP. The cards were obtained by the confidential source at CP headquarters. The name of the subject and his wife, ANN PAULSON, appear on one of these cards with the address Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington, and were designated under the Auburn Branch.

During the latter part of October, 1945, a highly confidential source advised Special Agents PHILIP L. SCHIEDERMAYER and GEORGE H. ASDELL that the subject was a member of the CP in the Metal Trades Club.

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At Seattle, Washington:

Will through the appropriate confidential sources follow  
and report the activities of the subject.



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T-6 is a report of Special Agent RUSSELL S. GARWES dated 9-4-45 at New York City. Seattle File No. 100-2304.

T-7 is a highly confidential source known to Special Agents EDWARD BREKKE, PHILIP L. SCHIEDERMAYER, GEORGE H. ASDELL, and THOMAS M. KERNDT.

T-8 is [REDACTED]

The Attorney General

March 13, 1947

Director, FBI

GLENN GLENNARD KINNEY, with aliases,  
HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, with aliases.

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Reference is made to your request dated March 5, 1947, for information concerning Glenn Kenny and Harold T. Johnson of Seattle, Washington.

100-81803-23 Harold Timothy Johnston

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Harold Timothy Johnston, with aliases, Harold Johnson and George Attabula, is believed to be identical with the Harold T. Johnson in your reference memorandum. Johnston was born on May 29, 1907, at Yakima, Washington. From August 23, 1922, to January 9, 1926, he served in the United States Navy out received a bad conduct discharge. His past employment reflects that from 1936 to 1940 he was farming for himself, and in 1941 he was a shipscaler employed at the Associated Shipyards. He was rehired by the Associated Shipyards in 1942; resigning in 1944 to devote all this time to a position as Assistant Business Agent, Machinists Union, Local 79, Seattle, Washington.

Johnston is a well known member of the Communist Party in the State of Washington. He was reported to have been a member of the Communist Party since 1934 and is regarded as one of the more radical members of the group. He is active in Communist Party affairs and regularly attends meetings. He was active as a section worker of the Communist Party in East Madison, Rainier Valley Section, Washington State, in 1938. In 1943 he was elected Educational Director of a branch of the Communist Party in Auburn, Washington, and also a member of the Political Action Committee. His wife, Ann Johnston, was elected Literary Director and Dues Collector of the same branch of the Communist Party.

An article appearing in the "New World", Seattle, Washington, on June 15, 1944, under the title "Communists Pledge to Back the Attack", list various officers of the Communist Political Association and gave the names of the State Committee of the Communist Party, which included Harold Johnston.

Another article in the "New World" for December 21, 1944, under the heading "Scan Educational Plan for Labor", a committee set up to investigate the possibilities of an educational program in the labor movement was listed and included the name of Harold Johnston as Business Agent, Lodge 79, of the Machinists Union. All members of this committee with the exception of two were known members of the Communist Political Association.

Johnston was a delegate of the Northwest District of the Communist Party to the National Convention of the Communist Political Association in New

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York City in 1945. In 1946 he was elected to membership in the State Committee of the Communist Political Association. He continued to be employed as Associate Business Agent of the International Association of Machinists, Local 79, Seattle, Washington, during January 1946. It was reported that he was elected Chairman of the Five-Man Leadership Committee within the Communist Political Association District Labor Committee during 1946. (100-81803)

Glenn Glenord Kinney

Glenn Glenord Kinney has used the aliases Glen Kenny and Glenn Kelly and is believed to be identical with the subject of your inquiry. He was born on May 16, 1900, at Ellensburg, Washington. He had a common-law wife, Beatrice Kinney, and there is one son as a result of this relationship, James Lloyd Kinney, born August 26, 1933. Glenn Kinney served in the United States Marine Corps from November 23, 1920, to November 23, 1922, receiving an honorable discharge. From 1936 to 1939 Kinney was Assistant Business Agent and Organizer of the Machinists Union, Local 79, and at the present time is employed by the Pacific Marine Supply Company, Seattle, Washington.

Kinney is a known member of the Communist Party in the State of Washington and is active in its affairs. He is reported to be a long-time member of the Communist Party, having attended the National Convention of the Communist Party in New York City in 1936. It is alleged that from 1936 through 1942 he was a leader of the Communist faction in the Machinists Union. One Clifford A. Stone testified in November, 1940, at a hearing of the Aeronautical Mechanics Union, Local 751, that Kinney with other had solicited members for the Communist Party. In December, 1943, Kinney was reelected Vice President of Local 79, International Association of Machinists, but regularly functions as President.

In the June 26, 1944, "Peoples World", a Communist newspaper published at San Francisco, California, there appeared an article praising the action of a group of Seattle citizens for challenging Bertram Wolfe, "notorious Trotskyite", upon his attempt to speak at a meeting in Seattle on June 21, 1944. This article mentioned that Glenn Kinney was one of the group taking the floor in protest.

In 1945 Kinney married Marion Camozzi, who is a known Communist in Seattle, Washington. It is not known whether the Subject holds any official position in the Communist Party at the present time, but he continues active in its affairs. (100-18619)

Copies of reports concerning both of the above individuals have been previously forwarded to the Division of Records.

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March 5, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

It has been called to my attention that Glenn Kenny and Harold T. Johnson, both of Seattle, and both members of the International Association of Machinists, have attended Communist meetings (probably under assumed names). Will you please let me know if you have anything in your files on these men?

Attorney General

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SUMMARY REPORT

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HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON was born May 29, 1907 at Yakima, Washington. He saw service in the U. S. Navy August 23, 1922 to January 9, 1926 receiving a bad conduct discharge. JOHNSTON became Assistant Business Agent of Machinists Union, Local 79, Seattle, after his resignation from the Associated Shipyards on March 6, 1944. This employment is verified as of February 5, 1947. He is presently residing at Route #1, Box 579, Kent, Washington, verified as of February 5, 1947.

SUBJECT'S MEMBERSHIP IN AND AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-1

T-1 can testify that the subject was in charge of a dance held by the Communist Party near Redmond, Washington on June 6, 1940.

T-1 can also testify that she had been in groups of people in which JOHNSTON had also been a member and that she had heard him make admissions that he is a member of the Communist Party and believed in all its teachings.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-2

T-2 can testify that numerous important Communist meetings were held at the home of Mrs. LEONA CLARIE, 604 East 60th Street and that on all occasions the subject was present at these meetings and was living in a common-law relationship with Mrs. CLARIE at this address. This informant can also testify that Mrs. CLARIE and the subject were so notorious that they had endeavored to induce the local postman into the Communist Party. This informant first reported information to this in April of 1941.

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Confidential Informant T-3

T-3 can testify that she was formerly a member of the Workers Alliance in Seattle in 1936-1937 and had become closely associated with the members of the Communist Party as a result of this association, HAROLD JOHNSON being one of these members.

This informant can also testify that she has seen the subject's Communist Party card and that she has admitted to her frequently that he is a member of the Communist Party and had solicited her membership in that organization.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-4

T-4 can testify that he was originally a member of the Professional Group of the Communist Party and that the subject was known to him in October, 1941 as being a member of the Communist Party.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-5

T-5 can testify that she joined Unit 10 of the Communist Party which met on East Madison Street between 20th and 21st Street and that the Chairman of Unit 10 was HAROLD JOHNSTON in November, 1941.

T-5 can also testify that she had attended number of Party meetings with the subject and that the subject's plan was for the Communist Party to infiltrate into the Democratic Party.

T-5 can also testify from a diary which she kept while a member of the Communist Party that on May 9, 1938 the subject, who was known to Party members as "Little Caesar", became organizer of the "Lake Washington Section of the Communist Party. This informant can also testify from this diary that the subject was present at a meeting on July 7, 1938 as a Section Organizer.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-6

T-6 can testify that she received a letter dated June 11, 1938 headed "Communist Party, USA, East Madison - Rainier Valley Section, 2036 East Madison Street, Seattle, Washington" which was signed by HAROLD JOHNSTON Section Organizer notifying her of a mass meeting of the Communist Party on June 15 at Washington Hall.

This informant can also testify that while she was a member of the Communist Party in 1939 the Party attempted to promote a front group which would take in prominent doctors and social workers. This front group did not function satisfactorily and a Citizen's Health Committee was elected by a conference and HAROLD JOHNSTON was a member of this committee.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-7

T-7 can testify that during the year 1939 he attended meetings of the Communist Party held in the building adjacent to 949 North 80th with HAROLD JOHNSTON.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-8

T-8 can testify that HAROLD T. JOHNSTON was present at the Northwest District Communist Party's National Unity Convention held at Victory Hall in Seattle on May 7, 1944 which meeting was attended only by prominent Communist Party members of the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

T-8 can testify that the subject was in attendance at a meeting of the King County functionaries of the Communist Political Association on November 15, 1944 at Party Headquarters.

Informant T-8 can testify that he furnished Special Agent GEORGE S. WITTHY a mimeographed copy entitled "PLAN OF WORK FOR DECEMBER, 1944 and JANUARY, 1945, NORTHWEST DISTRICT COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION".

The subject was listed as being one of the individuals responsible for the exchange of membership cards in King County.

T-8 can testify that the subject attended the following meetings:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NATURE OF MEETING</u>
12/4/44	Shipsalers Hall	CPA Rally for JOHN WILLIAMSON National Officer for CPA
1/24/45	CPA Headquarters	CPA Leadership School for outstanding CPA leaders
3/23/45	Eagles Hall	Annual Convention of Washington Commonwealth Federation
4/13/45	CPA Headquarters	CPA Leadership meeting.

T-8 can testify that he attended a meeting of the King County Communist Party at the Building Service Employees Union Hall on September 10, 1945 and that this meeting was the first general meeting to consider the National Convention which desired the fullest discussion on Communist policy.

T-8 can testify that HAROLD JOHNSTON was present at this meeting.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-9

T-9 can testify that he had been quite well acquainted with the subject and had known him when he worked on WPA Projects. He can testify that the subject formerly came to Granite Falls, Washington on numerous occasions and distributed large quantities of Communist literature including the Daily Worker.

T-9 can testify that while he was a timekeeper on the WPA, the subject called on him on several occasions and asked him to take quantities of literature and distribute it to the WPA workers.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-10

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T-10 can testify that a meeting of the Communist Party was held, at the home of IRENE HAYES, Route #3, Box 123-D, Auburn, Washington, which was held to organize a new branch of the Communist Party in the Auburn district. *October 1, 1943*

T-10 can testify that JOHNSTON was elected Acting Chairman of this meeting and set forth a program for the new branch. He can also testify that JOHNSTON was elected Educational Director of the new Branch as well as a member of the Political Action Committee.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-11

T-11 can testify that on July 11, 1944, he furnished Special Agent JOHN D. FURRH, JR. a letter which was believed to be written by HENRY P. HUFF which was addressed to "JOHNNIE", parts of which letter dealt with the subject as follows:

"As to the IAM leader, after a careful consideration of the meeting, we arrived at the conclusive that the move would not be timely at this time. We did however place a leading member of the IAM, Local 79 who is a Business Agent on the State Committee. This brother is HAROLD JOHNSON, a very able person who was a member of our district committee before the change".

The original of this letter is maintained in File Number 65-703.

Informant T-11 can testify that he furnished Special Agent GEORGE S. WITHY on September 8, 1944 with a roughdraft memorandum secured from Communist Party Headquarters which was headed "Windsor Room, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Wednesday 7:30 " and that among the names listed was HAROLD T. JOHNSTON.

This roughdraft memorandum is maintained in File Number 100-2303. >



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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-12

T-12 can testify that he had been recruited into the Communist Party in Seattle, Washington during May, 1943 through the efforts of HAROLD JOHNSTON and L. C. HOOPS.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-13

T-13 can testify that the subject attended an emergency meeting of the Enlarged Executive Committee of the Northwest District, Communist Party, held at the Communist Party Headquarters on February 21, 1944.

T-13 can testify that the Northwest District of the Communist Party reconvened its convention on June 10 and 11, 1944 at 910 $\frac{1}{2}$  Third Avenue, Seattle, and that among the list of candidates for the State Committee to this Convention was HAROLD JOHNSTON.

T-13 can also testify that he made available to Special Agent JAMES E. FREANEY on June 26, 1944 information concerning the planning of certain Communist members in Seattle to disrupt several meetings what the Communists termed an advised group at the Plymouth Congregational Church on June 20, 1944.

T-13 can testify that HAROLD JOHNSTON participated in the disrupting of the meetings by heckling the speakers as directed by CARL REEVE, Administrative Secretary of the Communist Party.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T T-14

T-14 can testify that he overheard a conversation between JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Secretary, CPA and CARL REEVE, Secretary of the 12th District, CPA, on December 2, 1944 during which conversation CARL REEVE made the statement "In the Machinists, we have four leaders, HAROLD JOHNSTON, REED, STEVE TAYLOR, ....."

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-15

T-15 can testify that at a Communist Party Labor Committee meeting held May 4, 1946 the subject was nominated and elected as chairman of a five-man Committee which would be responsible for giving leadership to the County Labor Committees throughout the 12th District.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-16

T-16 can testify that he was present at a meeting of the Presiding Committee of the Communist Party on August 14, 1945 at which time BARBARA HARTLE as Executive Chairman of the Committee on Leadership characterized the subject as follows:

"HAROLD JOHNSTON - 12 years in Party. Parents farmers. Agricultural work and industry. Took part in agricultural works and lumbermen's strike of Northwest. Loyal and devoted member. Dependable in difficult times and situations. Willing to accept criticism. Underestimates own ability and needs to accept more responsibility. Signed and accepted by him".

T-16 can testify that at a meeting of Communist Party leaders on August 18, 1945 at Party Headquarters, it was decided to nominate and elect HAROLD JOHNSTON as Chairman of the Second Session of the Special District Convention of the Communist Party.

T-16 can testify that on August 8, 1945 he had heard BARBARA HARTLE remark that the subject was on the Constitutional Committee of the National Convention.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T T-17

T-17 can testify that he attended a meeting on July 18, 1945 at Victory Hall, which meeting was supposed to be a meeting of Branch 350 of the Communist Party.

T-17 can testify that HAROLD JOHNSTON was one of the members designated to be delegates from the Northwest District to the National Convention of the Communist Party in New York City.

T-17 can testify that the subject attended a meeting of Branch 350 of the King County Communist Party on July 28, 1945 at Communist Party Headquarters.

This informant can also testify that he attended a meeting of the Labor Committee of the Communist Party at the Swedish Club in Seattle on August 20, 1946 and that the subject was present at this meeting endeavoring to get the AFL and CIO to cooperate in a Labor Day Parade.

Informants notes of this meeting are maintained in File 80-82.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-18

T-18 can testify that the subject attended a Special Party meeting regarding the candidates for President of the Washington State Federation of Labor held at the Washington Commonwealth Federation office on April 24, 1945 and a King County Membership meeting of the Communist Party held at the Shipsalers Hall on July 8, 1945. A report of these meetings by informant is maintained in file 80-106.

T-18 can testify that the subject was present at the special convention of the Northwest District, Communist Party, held on July 15, 1945 at Victory Hall at which time the subject was elected to the Presiding Committee for the Convention which was known as the "committee of nine".

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The notes concerning this meeting furnished by the informant are maintained in the file 80-106.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-19

T-19 can testify that the subject was present at the Communist Party State Convention held at Communist Party Headquarters on July 15, 1945 and the King County Membership meeting of the Communist Party on July 8, 1945.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-20

T-20 can testify that on September 24, 1945, March 20 and May 20, and June 10, 1946, he furnished to Special Agent GEORGE H. ASDELL material which was obtained by him from Communist Party Headquarters. He can also testify on August 13, 1946 he furnished similar material to Special Agent HAROLD L. CHILD.

SPECIAL AGENT GEORGE H. ASDELL  
FBI, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Special Agent ASDELL can testify that on September 24, 1945 he received from Confidential Informant T-20 material which T-20 had obtained from Communist Party Headquarters among which was a list entitled "Committee of District Committee" which listed the subject under the Legislative Commission, the Trade Union Commission, the Youth Commission and the Speaker's Bureau.

Special Agent ASDELL can testify that on March 20, 1946 T-20 furnished him with a handwritten page containing 35 names, 21 of which were speakers in the Second Session of the Northwest District Communist Party held on March 3, 1946 at Washington Hall. The subject is listed as one of these 21 speakers.

The original material is maintained in File 100-2303.

Special Agent ASDELL can testify that on May 20, 1946, T-20 furnished him with material obtained from him from Communist Party Headquarters among which was a list of names indicating that a 5-man committee was elected at a meeting held on May 4, 1946 and that the subject was nominated and elected Chairman of the meeting.

The original material furnished by the informant is being maintained in File 100-2303.

Special Agent ASDELL can testify that among the material furnished him on May 20, 1946 by T-20 was a list of names captioned "D Committee - Labor Committee", which is believed to be a list of names of individuals belonging

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to the District Labor Committee of the Communist Party. The name HAROLD JOHNSTON -- Machinists, appeared on this list. The original list has been placed in File 65-1154.

Special Agent ASDELL can testify that on June 10, 1946 T-20 furnished him with a list of 27 names which was obtained from Communist Party Headquarters which bore the notation "Thurs. May 16 9-11" on which list the subject's name appears.

The original list is maintained in File 100-53.

Special Agent ASDELL can testify that on May 20, 1946 T-20 furnished him with a portion of a sheet of paper containing 87 names under the headings of "HEINIE, ANDY, VAN and RALPH". This list has been placed in File 100-12983.

Special Agent ASDELL can testify that the subject's name appeared under the heading "ANDY" which apparently refers to ANDREW REMES, Secretary of the Northwest District Communist Party and indicates that the subject is in some way responsible to him.

He can testify that on May 20, 1946 T-20 furnished him with a portion of a list of 70 names captioned "MEMBER ..... RECRUITS" on which the subject's name appears.

This list has been placed in File 100-14820.

Special Agent ASDELL can testify that on July 10, 1946 T-20 furnished him with a portion of two pages containing 34 signatures of individuals, among which was the name of the subject under "MACHINISTS 79". The word "Revolution" appears on one of these pages.

This list of names has been placed in the file 100-1514.

SPECIAL AGENT HAROLD L. CHILD  
FBI, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Special Agent CHILD can testify that on August 13, 1946 Informant T-20 furnished him with two lists headed "Full-Time School", listing names of individuals according to Section, Districts and Labor Groups which was secured from Communist Party Headquarters. The name of the subject appeared on one of these lists. These lists are being retained in 100-18318.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-21

T-21 can testify that the subject attended the King County Communist Party Convention at Polish Hall on April 25, 1943 and the Northwest District Convention of the Communist Party held at Party Headquarters on May 7, 1944.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-22

T-22 can testify that the subject attended the Communist Party National Convention at New York City and that at the First Session of July 26, 1945 he was elected to the Constitutional Committee from the State of Washington.

T-22 can also testify that the subject attended the Constitutional Committee meeting at the Fraternal Clubhouse, New York City on July 27, 1945 and that the subject attended a panel on reconversion and jobs on Friday, July 27, 1945 where he spoke on the AFL Union in Seattle.

SPECIAL AGENT GEORGE S. WITHY  
FBI, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Special Agent WITHY can testify that on September 8, 1944 Confidential Informant T-11 furnished him with a roughdraft memorandum secured from the Communist Political Headquarters in Seattle, Washington which was headed "Windsor Room - Benjamin Franklin Hotel Thursday", which contains a list of names among which was subjects.

SPECIAL AGENT BRENTON S. GORDON  
FBI, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Special Agent GORDON can testify that he noted the subject enter the Swedish Club, Seattle, on June 25, 1943 between 7:00 and 8:00 P. M. at which time the District Burro of the Northwest District of the Communist Party was held.

SPECIAL AGENT FREDERICK H. SCHMIDT  
FBI, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Special Agent SCHMIDT can testify to the facts as set out above under the caption Special Agent BRENTON S. GORDON.

NEW WORLD NEWSPAPER

An article appearing in the NEW WORLD at Seattle, Washington on June 15, 1944 stated under the title "COMMUNISTS PLEDGE TO BACK THE ATTACK", an all-out effort to expend the production to back the attack and build unity by President Roosevelt was pledged by 3500 delegates from Washington and Oregon meeting in Seattle during the week-end. The article stated that HAROLD JOHNSTON among others was elected to the State Committee.

SUBJECT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE PARTY

Confidential Informant T-19 can testify that he attended the Communist Party State Convention held on July 15, 1945 which was attended by the subject and HENRY P. HUFF, Northwest President of the Communist Party.

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T-19 can further testify that this convention was considered the most significant because it meant the turning point for Communism in America.

T-19 can testify that HUFF stated:

"This convention is witnessing a real Bolshevik program being hammered out" and that all members must study a prescribed course in Marxism-Leninism theory and practice.

The notes regarding this convention were furnished by T-19 and are being retained in File 80-135.

Confidential Informant T-18 can testify that he attended the special convention of the Northwest District, Communist Political Association on July 15, 1945 at Victory Hall during which convention the subject was elected to serve on the Presiding Committee, the resolutions committee and that a resolution was passed that each Communist Party Branch be required to purchase a Lenin Library, all studies to be of a Marxist-Leninist and Stalinist nature, emphasis to be placed on the study of dialectal materialism.

The informant identified the subject as being present.

The notes furnished by the informant regarding the convention are maintained in File 80-106.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

- T-1: Mrs. G. E. GREENWOOD, 9317 4th Avenue N. W., Seattle, Washington.
- T-2: Mrs. RUSSELL CLAY, 6006 6th Avenue, N. E. Seattle, Washington.
- T-3: Mrs. BESSIE DUNN, 511 16th Avenue, Apt. 4, Seattle. A former member of the Workers Alliance in 1936-1937.
- T-4: HAROLD ARMSTRONG, 1324 Lakeside Avenue South, Seattle, Washington.
- T-5: Mrs. MADELINE SEDGEWICK, 1716 11th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.
- T-6: Mrs. SARAH ELDRIDGE, 431 14th North, Seattle.
- T-7: PETER HILLER, 1206 East 96th, Seattle.
- T-8: [REDACTED]
- T-9: ARCHIE LEAQUEE, Route #2, Arlington, Washington. Member of American Legion and former WPA Timekeeper.
- T-10: [REDACTED] FOIA b 7 D
- T-11: [REDACTED]
- T-12: [REDACTED]
- T-13: [REDACTED]
- T-14: [REDACTED]
- T-15: [REDACTED]
- T-16: [REDACTED]
- T-17: [REDACTED]
- T-18: [REDACTED]
- T-19: MARO JEWELL, Former investigator for the Seattle Port of Embarkation U. S. Army and presently head of Jewell's National Detective Agency, Seattle.
- T-20: [REDACTED]
- T-21: Photographs taken by Special Agents of the Seattle Field Division.
- T-22: [REDACTED] as reflected in the report of Special Agent RUSSELL JARVIS dated 9/4/45, NYC. Seattle Fiel 100-2304.

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May 10, 1947

Director, FBI

HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, with aliases  
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Seattle File 65-1399

Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent Harry B. Murdock, Seattle, dated March 15, 1947.

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On page 4 under "Confidential Informant T-10," there is reported a Party held at the home of Irene Hayes. Please advise the Bureau as to the date of this meeting in order that it may be inserted in the report and correct your copies accordingly.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Seattle

SUBJECT: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, WAS.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau File 100-81803

DATE: May 20, 1947

Rebulet May 10, 1947.

On page 4 under "Confidential Informant T 10" in the summary report of SA HARRY B. MURDOCK dated March 15, 1947, the date of the meeting held at the home of IRENE HAYES should be October 1, 1943.

This date has been inserted appropriately in the Seattle copies of the report.

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January 26, 1949

Dear Sir:

RE: <sup>D</sup>  
HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, was  
Internal Security - C  
Your file: 65-1399

A review of the files at the Bureau in connection with this subject has revealed that a report has not been received from your office concerning the subject since the report of Special Agent Harry B. Murdock dated 3-15-47 at Seattle.

While it is realized that existing instructions do not require that a report be submitted periodically on Security Index card subjects unless the subject is also a top functionary, it is felt that in view of the tense international situation at the present time, a new report should be submitted setting forth the extent of the subject's present activities in connection with the Communist Party and related groups in order that the Bureau will be in possession of current information concerning each one of those subjects who are considered a threat to the internal security.

In submitting the report, the Bureau desires that you incorporate in summary form the information contained in your files not previously reported. Information of substantive nature only should be set forth and repetitious material should be avoided. Where a description of the subject has not been reported, that, too, should be included in the report and also placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card in accordance with the instructions outlined in SAC Letter No. 57, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948.

In the event the subject's current address is not the same as that which appears on the Security Index card, you should correct the Security Index card and forward Form FD-119 to the Bureau in order that the Security Index card at the Bureau can be corrected.

In order that the Security Index will contain only the names of those individuals who can be considered to be a threat to the internal security of this country, the Bureau desires that you carefully appraise this case and if it appears that the subject, based on his present position and activities or past position and activities, cannot be considered such as threat, then in addition to submitting the report, you should recommend that the Security Index card be canceled.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SEATTLE**

FILE NO. 65-1399

REPORT MADE AT <b>Seattle, Washington</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/18/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/11,15,16/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WALTER J. BRANNIGAN</b>	MFN
TITLE <b>HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, w.as.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

*yes*

Subject resides Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Wn. and is employed as assistant business agent of the International Association of Machinists, Local 79, Seattle. Subject is member of Northwest District Committee of CP and of State Committee of CP. He is active in CP affairs and attends important functions.

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Reference:

Bureau File 100-81803.  
Bureau letter to SAC, Seattle, dated 1/26/49.  
Report of SA HARRY B. MURDOCK dated 3/15/47 at Seattle, Wn.

Details:

PERSONAL HISTORY

Under appropriate pretext, the writer verified on February 16, 1949 that the subject is residing at Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington, and that he is employed as Assistant Business Agent with the International Association of Machinists, Local 79, Labor Temple, First and Clay Streets, Seattle, Washington.

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COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

Meetings attended:

Date	Place	Nature	Informant
3/2,3/46	Washington Hall	Party Builders Conference	T-1
3/1/47	Fischer Studio Bldg. 1519-3rd Ave., Seattle	Enlarged District Committee meeting	T-6
6/9/47	Residence of H. RICHARD SELLER, 316-19th Ave., North, Seattle, Wn.		Observed by SA GEORGE H. ASDELL, SA DONALD L. COFFIN, SA WILLIAM C. TOWER
7/12/47	Washington Hall	District Committee Meeting	Observed by SA JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE, Special Employee PHILLIP T. BASHER
9/6/47	Pacific Northwest Labor School, 309- 2nd Ave. North, Seattle.	12th District Committee Meeting	Observed by SA GEORGE H. ASDELL

Confidential Informant T-1 furnished this office with a three-page typewritten report which was obtained from Communist Party Headquarters, 1016 $\frac{1}{2}$  Second Avenue, Seattle, captioned "Conference Reports and Discussion - Sunday A.M." Instant program is believed to be that of the Party Builders Conference held on March 2 and 3, 1946 at Washington Hall, Seattle, and presided over by HEINIE HUFF, Chairman, Northwest District CP. Instant program listed a discussion by HAROLD J., Metal Trades Conference (it is believed that HAROLD J. referred to HAROLD JOHNSTON), which discussion was concerned with the growth of the metal trade industry in the Northwest. HAROLD J. also motioned to the effect that the Tennessee Resolution, a resolution denouncing the terrorism in Columbia, Tennessee, be forwarded. Other proposals and motions at this meeting were: (1) Draft resolutions, (2) Night letters be sent on Franco-Spain denouncing terror in Columbia, Tennessee, and in Freeport, Long Island, (3) Expulsion of BROWDER.

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Other Communist Party Activities:

Confidential Informant T-1 on December 3, 1946, made available a list of thirteen first names and initials of Trade Unionists which were obtained from CP Headquarters, 1016 $\frac{1}{2}$  Second Avenue, Seattle. It is noted that the name HAROLD J. appears on this list. (It is believed that HAROLD J. is HAROLD JOHNSTON.)

On March 11, 1947 Confidential Informant T-1 furnished this office with typewritten sheets that were obtained from the CP Headquarters, 1016 $\frac{1}{2}$  Second Avenue, Seattle. These sheets contained the names of various individuals under different union headings including the name, local, section and club. It is believed that the sections and clubs referred to are those of the King County CP. It is noted the name HAROLD JOHNSTON appears under the union heading "Machinists Local 79" with residence as Kent, Washington, 31st Section, Auburn Club.

On July 13, 1947, Confidential Informant T-6 advised that the subject entered Swedish Hall, Seattle, Washington, in the company of well-known Washington Communists.

On July 13, 1947, Confidential Informant T-2 furnished this office with a list of the Northwest District CP District Board as designated by HEINIE HUFF, Chairman, Northwest District CP, and on which list appeared the name of HAROLD JOHNSTON.

On August 12, 1947, Confidential Informant T-1 furnished this office with handwritten lists of names organized under various section or committee headings captioned "7-12 Conference". It is noted the name HAROLD was followed by initials D.C. (These initials are believed to indicate that the individual is considered a member of the District Committee of the Northwest District CP). It is believed the HAROLD referred to is HAROLD JOHNSTON.

On September 26, 1947 Confidential Informant T-3 furnished this office with a ballot of candidates for the State Committee Communist Political Association which was obtained from the building at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, N.Y., the Communist Party Headquarters at New York City. It is noted that the name HAROLD JOHNSON, King County, was included on this list.

On October 15, 1947 Confidential Informant T-4 made available to this office a report reflecting that "the following members of the Communist Party were present at the King Street depot to 'welcome' Senator ROBERT A. TAFT to Seattle on 9-23-47". It is noted that the name HAROLD JOHNSON appeared under this heading.

In the December 11, 1947 issue of the NEW WORLD, Communist controlled newspaper now defunct and its function having been taken over by the Northwest editions of the PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD, the subject announced that a voluntary Trade Union Committee had been formed "to unite labor in Seattle against the Taft-Hartley Act".

On January 29, 1948 Confidential Informant T-1 furnished this office with a handwritten note obtained from CP Headquarters, 1016 $\frac{1}{2}$  Second Avenue, Seattle. The instant note was set out herewith:

"Harold J - 2 PM  
K Cafe

- (1) What can 79 do about Negro membership in Union?
- (2) Same in regard to 751.
- (3) Can Harold attend Ind. Sec. Comm mt (believed to be the Industrial Section Committee meeting) tomorrow -  
Sat - 1 PM

(signed) L. Sch" (believed to be Labor School).

It should be noted here that the information appearing within the parenthesis has been added by the writer, and it is believed that the HAROLD J., referred to above, is subject HAROLD JOHNSTON.

On April 7, 1948, Confidential Informant T-1 furnished this office with a notebook obtained from CP Headquarters, 1016 $\frac{1}{2}$  Second Avenue, Seattle, containing six-pages of handwritten material believed to be that of HEINIE HUFF, Chairman, Northwest District CP. It was noted the name HAROLD JOHNSON appeared under the title "sponcering committee".

On October 12, 1948 Confidential Informant T-5 furnished this office a copy of a petition addressed to the President of the United States protesting the indictment of twelve Communist Party leaders. A review of the reverse side of the petition reveals that J. JOHNSON of the International Association of Machinists, Seattle, lent his name to the Civil Rights Congress to protest the indictments of the Communists in New York City. (J. JOHNSON is believed to be HAROLD JOHNSTON).

On February 2, 1948, Mr. H. C. ARMSTRONG, while testifying before the Un-American Activities Commission, State of Washington, advised that the subject was a Communist.

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INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant T-1, [REDACTED]  
Confidential Informant T-2, a highly confidential source known  
to SA JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE and Special Employee PHILLIP  
T. BASHER.  
Confidential Informant T-3, [REDACTED]  
Confidential Informant T-4, [REDACTED]  
Confidential Informant T-5, [REDACTED]  
Confidential Informant T-6, motion pictures taken by Special  
Agents of Communist Party functions.

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SEATTLE OFFICE

At Seattle, Washington --

Will follow and maintain contact with confidential informants and report the subject's CP activities.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SEATTLE**

FILE NO. **65-1399**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SEATTLE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-16-49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-24; 9-6, 8-49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD BREKKE mrd</b>
TITLE <b>HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, WAS.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject continues to reside at Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Wash., and is employed as Business Agent for the International Ass'n of Machinists, New Labor Temple, Seattle, Wash. Subject remains active in CP affairs and has attended CP meetings.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File 100-81803  
Report of SA WALTER J. BRANNIGAN dated March 18, 1949 at Seattle.

**DETAILS:**

As of August 24, 1949, subject resided at Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington. He is employed as Assistant Business Agent of the International Association of Machinists in the New Labor Temple, First and Clay Streets, Seattle, Washington.

**COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES**

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	INFORMANT
5-28-49	Longshore-Waterfront CP meeting	Shipsalers Hall Seattle, Washington	T-2 of known reliability

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7-14-49	Picket Demonstration of CP	In front of New Labor Temple, Seattle, Washington	T-1 of known reliability and SA JOSEPH P. MAC FARLAND
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DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

① Confidential Informant T-1 on March 14, 1949, advised that HAROLD JOHNSTON, member of the Machinists Branch of the Communist Party, had sent in \$20.00 through MARION CAMOZZI KINNEY for the Red Fighting Fund. KINNEY is an active member of the Communist Party in Seattle, Washington.

On December 21, 1948 Confidential Informant T-1 furnished Communist Party Receipt No. 4303 dated December 28, 1945, which revealed Northwest District Communist Party, USA, received \$6.00 from the Renton Club. Noted on this receipt is "1 Club Sub D. W. 6.00 H. JOHNSTON."

On July 29, 1949 Confidential Informant T-3 of known reliability, furnished a proof run copy, which lists the National Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born and the Northwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born. On this list was the name of HAROLD JOHNSTON, Assistant Business Agent, Machinists No. 79, IAM.

In connection with activities of the Industrial Section, Communist Party, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that at a meeting held in July 1949 at the home of RAY CAMPBELL, at which HENRY HUFF and CLAYTON VAN DYDEGRAF, Communist Party functionaries, were present, "RED" KROENER pointed out that HAROLD JOHNSTON was causing a lot of trouble as he had practically organized an anti-leadership fraction. The meeting, according to T-1, then centered around the negative role that JOHNSTON has played. The informant said it was decided that the Section Committee would meet with JOHNSTON, bring him into the District Committee and straighten him out there.

On June 3, 1949, Confidential Informant T-4 of known reliability, furnished a list of members of the Civil Rights Congress for the Seattle area. This list included the name of HAROLD JOHNSTON, Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that on May 20, 1949 he attended a meeting of the Section Committee of the Central Section of the Communist Party which was held at the home of MARION CAMOZZI KINNEY, 210 29th Avenue, North. He advised that MARION KINNEY said that AL REED and HAROLD JOHNSTON had been causing trouble for a long period of time and she wanted to make a motion to have them visited by the Review Commission. PAUL BOWEN said, "It is a case of factionalism," and continued, "Yes, I agree with MARION that we should do something about it."

On February 25, 1949 Confidential Informant T-5 of known reliability, furnished a portion of a handwritten sheet which was believed to be in the handwriting of RALPH HALL and was captioned: "Seattle Luncheon - STAROBIN." On this list was the name, "HAROLD J.," believed to refer to the subject. RALPH HALL is an official of the People's World, Communist weekly newspaper distributed in Seattle, Washington.

On December 29, 1948 Confidential Informant T-6 of known reliability, furnished the writer with a petition entitled: "1,000 Trade Union Officials Urge You to Protest the 12 Smith Act Indictments." This petition was signed by three individuals: T. WREN, BERT G. ARNDT and CLARENCE WALTER; however, the informant advised that these individuals were not members of the Communist Party. The backside of this petition contained one hundred typical names from the committee of one thousand trade union officials, among which names appeared "H. JOHNSTON."

Confidential Informant T-7 of known reliability, advised that the Civil Rights Congress, an organization declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835, opened a checking account on November 12, 1948 at the Queen Anne Branch of the National Bank of Commerce. The following individuals are authorized to sign checks drawn on this account: HELEN HUFF, wife of HENRY HUFF, Chairman, 12th District, Communist Party; JOHN DASCHBACH, prominent Communist member; and WALTER BELKA. According to other records of the bank, the following individuals represented the officers of the Civil Rights Congress at the time the said bank account was opened: JOHN DASCHBACH, Secretary; WALTER BELKA; HELEN HUFF; HAROLD JOHNSTON; Reverend R. H. HARRIS; JERRY J. O'CONNELL; O. L. DEARINGER; and MERWIN L. COLE.

Confidential Informant T-8 of known reliability, advised that HAROLD JOHNSTON was in contact with TERRY PETTUS, editor of the Northwest Edition of the People's World, on July 25, 1949, and that he requested a bundle of papers at that time.

Confidential Informant T-9 of known reliability, advised that on May 26, 1949 HENRY HUFF, Chairman, 12th District, Communist Party, contacted HAROLD JOHNSTON and that they had a meeting at the Boston Cafe at 11:20 A.M. on that date.

Confidential Informant T-10 of known reliability, advised that TOM RABBITT, an active Communist Party member, contacted HAROLD JOHNSTON on May 23, 1949 concerning the JOHN ROGGE meeting to be held on June 5, 1949. T-10 advised that HAROLD JOHNSTON made an appointment to see TOM RABBITT on the following day at his office, which is the Civil Rights Congress, 215 Bay Building.

On July 14, 1949 Officer R. E. BARTO, No. 489 of the Seattle Police Department, submitted the following report on a Communist demonstration held at 11:50 A.M., that date, in front of the New Labor Temple, First Avenue and Clay Street:

"July 14, 1949

"Subject: Communist demonstration.

"At 11:50 A.M., July 14, 1949, there were about a dozen people gathered at the corner of 1st Avenue and Clay Street, with their ranks being rapidly added to. By 12 noon there were 32 people, with seven or eight children, who formed a picket line which carried placards up and down 1st Avenue in front of the Labor Temple. This picket line marched till 12:35 PM, when they called a halt to have a meeting. GLEN KINNEY, expelled machinist, made a speech and called for nominations for a committee of ten to call upon BERT SWAIN (manager of affairs at the Labor Temple) and protest against the non serving of colored people in the cocktail lounge.

"This committee of ten, which included EARL GEORGE, LAURA WILKINS, TERRY PETTUS, FOSTER WILLIAMS, AL CUMMINGS, HAROLD JOHNSON and four others whose names I couldn't make out, was met by Mr. FRED GAY assistant to BERT SWAIN. Mr. GAY informed the committee that Mr. SWAIN was out of town and would not be back today. The committee then left after stating that they would be back tomorrow. This group then \_\_\_\_\_ out on the street

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and continued to picket, and chant, untill five minutes past one o'clock PM.

"The following were seen in this demonstration -- GLEN and MARION KINNEY, TERRY and Mrs. PETTUS, GENE and LAURA WILKINS, ROSELLA BAILEY, KATE ROBINSON, JIM BOURNE, CLARK HARPER, and JOHN DASHBACH. At the last count I made there were fourty one adults in the picket line, one of the women had a baby of about three months in her arms.

"Respectfully

"R. E. BARTO, #489"

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T-1: [ ] who furnished information to SA JOSEPH P. MAC FARLAND  
T-2: [ ] who furnished information to SA JOSEPH P. MAC FARLAND  
T-3: LEONARD BURDICK, 75 Yesler Way, Seattle, Wash., who furnished  
information to SA (A) JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE  
T-4: [ ] who furnished information to SA JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE  
T-5: [ ] who furnished information to SA WILLIAM C. TOWER  
T-6: [ ] who furnished information to SA JOHN L. KETCHAM  
T-7: J. A. SWIFT, Assistant Manager, Queen Anne Branch of the  
National Bank of Commerce who furnished information to  
SA JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE  
T-8: [ ]  
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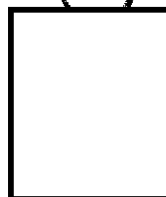


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LEONARD BURDICK  
75 Yesler Way  
Seattle, Washington

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J. A. SWIFT  
Assistant Manager  
Queen Anne Branch of the  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 17, 1949

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FROM : SAC, Seattle

SUBJECT: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau file 100-81803)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent EDWARD BREKKE dated September 16, 1949 at Seattle captioned as above.

It will be noted that the Confidential Informant page failed to list the Agents to whom the information was furnished. Enclosed are five copies of Page 6, the Confidential Informant Page, to be substituted in the above report.

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TO : Director

DATE: November 25, 1949

FROM : SAC Seattle

SUBJECT: Harold Timothy Johnston  
Internal Security-C

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Seattle file No. 65-1399  
Bureau file No. 100-81803

INSPECTOR NAUGHTEN:

This is a pending inactive case which is unassigned, with Seattle as office of origin. The case is supervised by Supervisor CHARLES H. DeFORD and the report dated September 16, 1949, hereinafter mentioned, was made by Special Agent EDWARD BREKKE and approved by Supervisor DeFORD.

The Subject is listed as a key figure, is employed as Business Agent for the International Association of Machinists in Seattle, is active in Communist Party affairs and has been attending Communist Party meetings. In report of SA BREKKE dated September 16, 1949, at Seattle, live confidential informants were carried under T symbols in the details of the report as follows: [ ] as T-1; [ ] as T-2; LEONARD MURDICK as T-3; [ ] as T-4; [ ] as T-5; [ ] as T-6 and J. A. SWIFT as T-7. The names of the special agents receiving the information from each of the above listed informants were not carried on the informant sheet of the report, whereas Bureau instructions that such names be so carried are contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 32, Series 1949, dated July 1, 1949. This bulletin was received in the Seattle Office on July 6, 1949, and since all dates in the period for which the report was made, as well as the date of the report, were later than July 6, the Bureau instructions should have been followed. This matter should be called to the attention of Supervisor DeFORD and SA BREKKE, to prevent recurrence of such procedure.

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Comments are requested from the Special Agent in Charge, Supervisor DeFORD and Special Agent BREKKE.

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COMMENTS:

SA EDWARD BREMER:

Please be advised that the names of the agents to whom the confidential informants furnished information were inadvertently omitted in this report and a corrected page has now been submitted. Every effort will be made to prevent a recurrence of this delinquency.

SUPV. WALTER C. BROWN, JR.:

The Inspector's comments have been noted and greater care will be exercised in the future.

SAC J. B. WILSON:

I agree with the Supervisor.

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TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: February 28, 1950

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FROM : SAC, Seattle

SUBJECT: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON  
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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Seattle  
SUBJECT: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: March 24, 1950

Reference is made to the report of SA JOSEPH M. WUSLICH, dated 3/24/50, at Seattle.

In view of subject's limited activities as reflected in the above-referenced report, the subject is being removed from the key figure list in the Seattle Office.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/24/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/20; 3/14, 16, 17, 21/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOSEPH M. WUSLICH</b> <span style="float: right;">js</span>
TITLE <b>HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, JR.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON presently unemployed and residing at Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Wash. Subject recently resigned from his position as Assistant Business Agent for the International Association of Machinists, Seattle, due to ill health. Seattle Office file reflects only limited Communist activity on the part of the subject.

**DETAILS:**

On February 20, 1950, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised the subject has been unemployed since his recent resignation as Assistant Business Agent of the International Association of Machinists, Lodge #79, due to poor health.

A check of the Post Office records at Kent, Washington, by the writer, revealed that the subject still resides at Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington.

On September 12, 1949, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, furnished this office with information that the subject was present at a conference of the Northwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born held September 2, 1949 at Seattle. It should be noted that instant committee is an adjunct of the National Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born. The organization has been declared by the Attorney General to come within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. B. W.</i> <b>PIES DESTROYED 12/2/55</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>RECORDED - 19</b> <b>81803-32</b> <b>APR 3 1950</b>
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T-2 on September 12, 1949 furnished information to the effect that the subject on September 2, 1949 was present at a committee meeting of the "Trade Union Committee for Civil Rights and Protection of Foreign Born". The committee was made up of 13 representatives of the 9 CIO and 2 independent unions of the city of Seattle. Instant committee met to "consider a serious threat to trade unions--the threat of weakened unions to jailing of foreign born members by the U. S. Immigration Service". The committee's purpose, according to T-2, is to "pool the efforts of the unions to secure fair treatment and reasonable bonds for trade unionists arrested and to establish a substantial bail fund to be placed at the disposal of the committee for use at their request in specific cases that may arise in the future".

On October 25, 1949, Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised the subject acted as chairman of a meeting of the Civil Rights Congress for the state of Washington, held on October 20, 1949, at Seattle, Washington.

On October 26, 1949, Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, furnished this office with information that one HAROLD JOHNSTON, Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Washington, owes the Northwest Bureau of the People's World Newspaper the amount of \$3.00 for newspapers delivered during the months of July and August, 1949. It should be noted that the People's World is a Communist-controlled and operated West Coast newspaper.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

On August 19, 1949, T-3 advised that subject on August 17, 1949 was appointed to the "Leaflet Committee" during a meeting of the "Committee for Democracy in the Labor Temple" held at the Shipsalers Hall, Seattle. According to the informant, the meeting was dominated and controlled by Communist Party members.

On September 14, 1949, T-3 advised the subject attended the afternoon session of the Progressive Party Conference held September 11, 1949, at Seattle. The purpose of instant meeting was for the discussion of "peace and jobs".



INFORMANT PAGE

- T-1: JOE FOUTY, Business Agent, Aeronautical Machinists  
Lodge #751, who furnished his information to SA JOSEPH  
P. MacFARLAND.
- T-2: Captain JOHN FOX, whose identity is known only to  
SA JOSEPH P. MacFARLAND.
- T-3:  who furnished information to SA JOSEPH P. MacFARLAND.
- T-4:  who furnished information to SA STEVE S. CARTER.

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REFERENCES:

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Report of SA EDWARD BREKKE, dated 9/16/49, at Seattle.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE  
SUBJECT: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON  
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Seasonal farm work, Kent Valley, Kent, Washington.

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TITLE HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, was. Harold Johnson, George Attabula			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

## SYNOPSIS:

## SUMMARY REPORT

HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON, reported by T-9 as Communist Party Section Organizer, 33rd Congressional District, King County, Washington, in October 1938 and as CP member using name GEORGE ATTABULA in December 1939. T-10 knew subject as member of Northwest District, Communist Party, prior to 1941 and T-11 also furnished evidence subject CP Section Organizer in Seattle in June 1938. T-12 reported subject Literary Director and dues collector of Auburn, Wash., Branch CP in 1943 and T-13 reported him member of that CPA branch in March 1945. T-14 reported subject elected to District Committee of 12th District Communist Party in August 1945. T-15 has reported subject elected to five-man CP Trade Union Committee of 12th District CP in May 1946. T-18 reported subject was chairman of King County CP Convention in April 1943 and T-8 reported him present at Northwest District Convention in May 1944. JOHNSTON reported at various CP and CPA meetings and functions from June 1943 to January 1951 by Confidential Informants T-13, T-14, T-16 through T-22. Reported by T-21 to have been criticized by Communist Party in May 1949 for "factionalism". T-19 reported subject attended Northwest District CP Convention in June 1944 regarding dissolution of CP and establishment of CPA. T-20 and T-23 reported subject attended CP Washington State Convention, July 1945, and elected to "Presiding Committee" and as delegate to national convention in New York City in July 1945. T-20 reported subject attended CP Convention in Seattle 8/18, 19/45 reconstituting the Communist Party in the Northwest. T-18 reported subject attended CP leadership class in February 1945. Subject active in or affiliated with the following CP front organizations: Civil Rights Congress, 1948-53, as reported by T-8, T-21, T-29, T-30 and T-31; Northwest Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born in 1949, as reported by T-8; and Northwest Citizens Defense Committee in 1953, as reported by T-8. Subscribed to "People's World" in 1949 and 1950, as reported by T-23 and T-34.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth Data

HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON was born May 29, 1907, at Yakima, Wash.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-1  
of known reliability

B. Education

It has been reported that the subject attended grade school through the third grade.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-1

C. Marital Status

*Mrs. HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON WASH*  
*JOHNSTON*  
In 1942 the subject married ANN McPHERRON, divorced wife of Dr. ~~HAIRS~~  
RICHARD L. NELSON, local Communist Party member.

Source:

Records, Seattle Credit Bureau

In January 1943 it was reported that the subject had two dependent children, HAROLD JOHNSTON and BEVERLY JOHNSTON. *WASH.*

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-1

D. Military Service

HAROLD JOHNSTON served in the United States Navy from August 23, 1922 to January 9, 1926.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-2  
of known reliability

E. Criminal Record

On February 25, 1954, no criminal or arrest record pertaining to the subject could be located.

Source:

Chief ROBERT E. LEE  
Kent, Washington, Police Department

F. Employment

In January 1943 the subject listed his previous employment as follows:

1936-40, farming for self.  
1941, ship scaler (place not shown)  
August and September 1941, Associated Shipyards, Seattle, Wash.  
February 17, 1942, rehired by Associated Shipyard

At the time the subject gave his Social Security number as 537-09-9929.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-1

It has also been reported that for a short period subsequent to September 1941 the subject was employed as a service station attendant at the Richfield Station, 20th and Madison Street, Seattle.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-3  
of known reliability

It was reported in December 1942 and January 1943 that the subject was a member of the Executive Board, International Association of Machinists Local 79, Seattle.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-4  
of known reliability

It was reported in March 1944 that the subject had resigned from the Associated Shipyards, Seattle, effective March 6, 1944, because he had been elected assistant Business Agent of Local 79 IAM.

Witness:

FRANK SMITH, Plant Protection Officer  
Associated Shipyards

Subject acted as Assistant Business Agent of Local 79, International Association of Machinists, from March 1944 until January 1950, resigning on the latter date because of poor health.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-5  
of known reliability

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In April 1953 it was learned that JOHNSTON was then in Cordova, Alaska, employed as a commercial fisherman.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-7  
of known reliability

While at Cordova, Alaska, in the capacity of a commercial fisherman the subject possessed fisherman's registration certificate No. 4311 dated May 22, 1953, which reflected he was fishing from boat No. 31-G-819.

Witness:

Mrs. BERTHA ALLEN  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Cordova, Alaska

It was learned in August 1953 that the subject had recently returned from fishing in Alaska and had commenced employment in a local shipyard.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-8  
of known reliability

It was learned on January 20, 1954, that the subject commenced employment at the Lake Union Dry Dock Company, Seattle, on January 12, 1954.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-6  
of known reliability

The above information as to the subject's present employment at the Lake Union Dry Dock Company has been verified through employment records of this organization, 1515 Fairview North, Seattle.

#### G. Residences

In January 1942 the voters registration at Seattle was checked and card No. 69751 pertaining to the subject revealed the following previous residences for him:

1936: 302 19th Avenue S, Seattle  
1937: 17½ 13th Avenue  
1938-40: 902 14th Avenue; 7010 Second Avenue NW  
1940: 1402 East Fir Street; 604 East 60th; 605 13th Avenue

Source:

Voters Register, Seattle

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In 1941 the subject lived with Mrs. ~~LEONA M. CLAIRE~~ at 604 East ~~WASH~~ 60th Street, Seattle, as her common law husband.

Witness:

~~LEONA M. JOHNSTON~~  
Mrs. RUSSEL CLAY  
6006 6th Avenue NE, Seattle

As of January 1945 the subject and his wife resided at Route 1, Box 579, Kent, Wash.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-7

The records of the Lake Union Dry Dock Co., 1515 Fairview North, where the subject is employed, verify the subject's present residence as Box 120-A, Route 1, Kent, Wash.

## II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

### A. Membership in and Positions Held in the CP, CPA

It was reported in February 1941 that subject had acted as a Communist Party Section Organizer in the 33rd Congressional District, King County, Washington, in October 1939. It was further reported in December 1939 that the subject was then a member of the Communist Party, using the name GEORGE ATTABULA.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-9  
of known reliability

In October 1941 it was reported by this informant that she had seen the subject's Communist Party card; that he had admitted to her frequently that he was a member of the Communist Party, and that he had attempted to solicit her as a member of the Communist Party.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-10  
of known reliability

In January 1942 this informant made available a letter headed "CP USA, East Madison - Rainier Valley Section, 2036 East Madison Street, Seattle", dated June 11, 1938, which read in part as follows:

"As you have no doubt read in the paper, and heard over the radio, the Communist Party has just held its 10th national convention in New York City. . . .

"We feel that this program has the utmost significance to the people of the United States and is one with which we know that you as a progressive citizen will want to become familiar. With the Fascists menacing us at home and abroad it is absolutely necessary that all the progressives in this country combine against these forces.

"Therefore the East Madison - Rainier Valley Section of our Party is holding a mass meeting Wednesday, June 15, at 8 p.m. at the Washington Hall, corner of East Fir Street and 14th Avenue, for the purpose of hearing the reports of our convention delegates. We wish to extend to you an invitation to attend this meeting. . . .

Cordially,

/s/ HAROLD JOHNSTON  
Harold Johnston  
Section Organizer"

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-11  
of known reliability

The subject attended a meeting of Communist Party members at the home of IRENE HAYS, Auburn, Wash., on October 1, 1943. BARBARA HARTLE, Administrative Secretary of the 12th District Communist Party, was in charge of the affair, while the subject acted as chairman of the meeting. This meeting concerned the organization of a new Communist Party branch at Auburn. Subject stated that this new branch was being organized because of the dissolution by the Party of the Industrial Branches of the CP and that because of this dissolution the new branch was necessary and would encompass all members of the Communist Party in the Auburn district. With regard to this new branch, JOHNSTON laid down the following program:

- (1) That it was necessary for the Communist Party to get behind the opening of the second front;
- (2) That all Party members would have to recruit new members and that one source of recruiting was the new Army depot being built in Auburn;
- (3) That the Party members would have to get after those persons who were members but who were not paying their dues at this time;
- (4) That the Party would have to do their best to see that all Party members voted in the coming election.



At this meeting JOHNSTON was elected Literature Director and Dues Collector of the new Auburn Branch of the Communist Party and was elected as a member of the Political Action Committee of this branch.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-12  
of known reliability

In March 1945 it was reported that the subject was still a member of the Auburn Branch of the Communist Political Association.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-13  
of known reliability

The Communist Political Association has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On August 19, 1945, the subject was elected as a member of the 38-man District Committee of the Northwest District Communist Party, Seattle.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-14  
Of known reliability

In May 1946 it was reported that the subject was elected as a member of the five-man committee to be responsible for giving leadership to the County Labor Committees throughout the 12th District Communist Party, said committees being responsible for seeing that all comrades in all trade unions acquainted themselves with the Communist Party trade union movement.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-15  
of known reliability

B. Attendance at Meetings  
of CP and CPA

Subject attended a District Bureau meeting of the Northwest District Communist Party held on June 25, 1943, at the Swedish Club in Seattle.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-16  
of known reliability

Confidential Informant Seattle T-17, of known reliability, had previously reported that a District Bureau meeting of the Communist Party was to be held at the Swedish Club on this date.

On April 25, 1943, subject acted as chairman of a King County Communist Party Convention held at Polish Hall in Seattle, at which only Communist Party members were admitted.

On May 2, 1943, subject attended the "Victory Convention" of the Communist Party in the Northwest held at Moose Hall in Seattle.

On August 1, 1943, the subject attended a Communist Party "Win the War Rally" featuring WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman CP USA, held at the Moore Theater in Seattle. At this affair the subject had a position on the stage of the theater along with functionaries of the Northwest District Communist Party.

On October 8, 1944, the subject attended a Communist Political Association political rally featuring ROBERT LINOR, National Committee member of the CPA, held at Seattle.

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On October 30, 1944, at the Swedish Club, Seattle, the subject attended a CPA meeting concerned with the distribution of CPA literature at shipyards and industrial plants in the Seattle area.

On December 4, 1944, JOHNSTON attended a Communist Political Association rally held at Ship Scalers Hall in Seattle featuring JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Executive Secretary of the CPA.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-18  
of known reliability

This informant has also reported that the subject attended three other Communist Political Association meetings or functions from November 1944 through October 1945. The informant stated the subject took no active part in these affairs other than by his mere attendance.

On May 6, 1944, the subject attended the Northwest District Communist Party USA "National Unity Convention" held at Victory Hall in Seattle to correlate the activities of the various branches of the CP throughout the district. Discussions on the changing of the name of the Communist Party to the Communist Political Association and on policies and election of delegates to the national convention to be held in New York in the near future were engaged in by the subject. Principal speakers at this affair were HENRY HUFF, Executive Secretary, Northwest District; CARL REEVE, Administrative Secretary, and JAMES W. FORD, National Vice-Chairman, CP USA.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-8

On February 21, 1944, JOHNSTON attended an Enlarged Executive Committee meeting of the Northwest District Communist Party at 910 1/2 Third

Avenue, Seattle, at which only Communist Party members were in attendance.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-19  
of known reliability

Subject attended a Communist Political Association meeting of leading AFofL members at the Palomar Building, Seattle, on April 24, 1945. This meeting was concerned with the candidacy of I. A. SANDVIGEN, Business Agent, Local 79 IAM, for presidency of the Washington State Federation of Labor. At this affair the subject stated that he was carrying the fight for SANDVIGEN's election, and the subject was elected chairman of a committee to raise funds and distribute leaflets on behalf of SANDVIGEN. 11-2  
11-1

The subject on March 2 and 3, 1946, attended a conference of the Northwest District Committee held in Seattle at which the featured speakers were HENRY HUFF, Chairman, 12th District Communist Party, and JOHN WILLIAMSON National Secretary of the Communist Party. At this same affair on March 3 the subject spoke to those in attendance.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-20  
of known reliability

At a Communist Political Association meeting held on June 26, 1944, in Seattle the subject was appointed to a committee constituted to raise money for the political campaign of HUGH DeLACY.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-13

~~X~~ T-14, of known reliability, reported in February 1948 that HUGH DeLACY was then a member of the District Committee of the Communist Party, 12th District, Seattle.

At a meeting of the "Presiding Committee" of the Northwest District Communist Party, of which the subject was a member, held on August 18, 1945, BARBARA HARTLE, Chairman of the Northwest District Communist Party Leadership Committee, read off characterizations which the Leadership Committee had prepared on members of the District Committee and Washington State Committee of the Communist Political Association to ascertain if these individuals were fit to hold the same position in the reconstituted Communist Party. HARTLE stated the committee had made a careful study of each individual concerned and read a characterization concerning the subject which was as follows: "HAROLD JOHNSTON - 12 years in Party. Parents, farmers. Agricultural work and industry. Took part in agricultural works and Lumbermens strike of Northwest. Loyal and devoted member. Dependable in difficult times and situations. Willing to accept criticism. Underestimates own ability and needs to accept more responsibility. Signed and accepted by him."

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-14

On August 20, 1946, the subject attended a meeting of the Communist Party Labor Committee held at the Swedish Club in Seattle. At this affair the subject spoke to those present on getting unions to participate in a Labor Day parade to be sponsored by the Communist Party.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-21  
of known reliability

On July 14, 1949, the subject took part in a Communist Party sponsored demonstration in front of the Labor Temple, First Avenue and Clay Street, Seattle. This demonstration was put on to protest alleged discrimination in the Labor Temple Bar and Grill. On this occasion the subject made a speech to those demonstrators gathered concerning the situation and was elected to a committee to contact the management of the Labor Temple Bar and Grill with regard to their alleged discriminatory practices.

On January 2, 1951, the subject attended a Foster Section meeting of the Communist Party held at the subject's home near Kent, Wash.

The same informant further advised that the subject attended a District Committee meeting of the 12th District Communist Party held at the Fisher Studio Building, 1519 Third Avenue, Seattle, on March 1, 1947.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-21

Confidential Informant Seattle T-22, of known reliability, verified the subject's presence at the District Committee meeting held on March 1, 1947.

### C. Factionalism

It was reported in May 1949 that the subject was being criticized by the 12th District Communist Party due to "factionalism" existing among Party members in Machinist Union Local 79.

A further development concerning this situation was reported in July 1949 by the same informant. The latter information indicated that the subject was criticized at a Communist Party meeting held June 24, 1949. This criticism was based on the fact that the subject had allegedly organized an anti-leadership faction among comrades in the Machinist Union and further was playing a negative role with regard to his Communist Party activities. On the occasion of this meeting it was decided to bring the subject before the Section Committee and have him "straightened out".

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-21

III. KNOWLEDGE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY AIMS  
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND CPA

On June 10, 1944, HAROLD JOHNSTON attended a District Convention of the Communist Party held at CP Headquarters, 910 1/2 Third Avenue, Seattle, Wash. Only Communist Party members were admitted to this convention, which was concerned with the dissolution of the Communist Party and the forming of the Communist Political Association. At this convention the subject was listed as a candidate for the new State Committee of the Northwest District Communist Party. At this affair CARL REEVE, Administrative Secretary of the Northwest District Communist Party, stated that the only requirement for admission into the Communist Political Association was a willingness on the part of a prospective member to accept Marxism and the associated program.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-19

On July 15, 1945, the subject attended a Communist Political Association State Convention held at Victory Hall in Seattle. The business of this convention was the consideration of the reconstitution of the CP USA. HENRY HUFF, Chairman, 12th District Communist Party, stated, "This convention is witnessing a real Bolshevik program being hammered out," and advised those present that all members must study a prescribed course in Marxism-Leninism theory and practice.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-23  
of known reliability

With reference to the above mentioned convention held at Victory Hall, Seattle, July 15, 1945, this source advised that on this occasion the subject was elected to the "Presiding Committee", organized to run the affairs of the Northwest District Communist Political Association until such time as the Communist Party, USA was reconstituted in the Northwest. Further, JOHNSTON was elected to the Resolutions Committee and was elected as a delegate to attend the national convention of the Communist Political Association to be held in New York City on July 26, 1945, as a representative of the Northwest District CPA. This informant also advised that HAROLD JOHNSTON acted as chairman of the afternoon session of this convention.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-20

It was learned on July 13, 1945, that hotel reservations had been made for one "HAROLD JOHNSON" in New York City at the time the national convention of the CPA was to be held there.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-24  
of known reliability

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At a meeting of CPA Branch 350 held on July 18, 1945, at Victory Hall in Seattle it was announced that HAROLD JOHNSTON and three others were proceeding to New York City from the Northwest District to attend the National Convention of the Communist Political Association to be held in New York City July 25 through 28, 1945.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-21

While at the National Convention of the Communist Political Association in New York City on July 26, 1945, the subject was elected by those gathered to the "Constitution Committee" as a representative from the State of Washington.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-25  
of known reliability

Subsequent to the subject's attendance at the National Convention of the Communist Political Association in July 1945, he attended the convention of the Northwest District Communist Party held at Ship Sealers Hall in Seattle on August 18 and 19, 1945, at which the Communist Party was reconstituted in the Northwest. Informant further advised that the subject acted as chairman of this convention on August 18, 1945.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-20

On July 12, 1947, the subject attended an Enlarged District Committee meeting of the Communist Party in Washington Hall, Seattle. HENRY R. HUFF, Chairman, 12th District CP, spoke on a recent National Committee meeting and stated in part, "Our Party is a Marxist-Leninist party and a revolutionary party that fights every day for the masses and struggles against the reaction Fascist enemy. This struggle is inevitable and will finally lead to Socialism in the United States." *WASH.*

Witness:

Confidential Informants Seattle T-26  
and Seattle T-27, both of known reliability

#### IV. ATTENDANCE AT CPA CLASS

HAROLD JOHNSTON attended a session of the leadership school given by the Communist Political Association for outstanding Party members and held on January 24, 1945, at CPA Headquarters, Seattle.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-18

V. SUBJECT'S USE OF ALIASES

It was learned in January 1942 that the subject had used the name HAROLD JOHNSON as well as the name HAROLD JOHNSTON in the execution of a lease of property and the release from same.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-28  
of known reliability

As noted in II-A, above, HAROLD JOHNSTON was also known as GEORGE ATTABULA in Communist Party circles.

VI. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

A. Civil Rights Congress

It was learned in October 1949 that the subject as a member of the International Association of Machinists, Seattle, had authorized the use of his name by the Civil Rights Congress to protest the indictments of the Communist Party leaders in New York City.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

This informant also advised in October 1949 that on the 20th of that month the subject had acted as chairman of a Civil Rights Congress meeting held in Seattle.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-21

It was reported in April 1949 that HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON was an officer in the local Civil Rights Congress.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-29  
of known reliability

In June 1949 it was reported by still another informant that the subject was then a member of the Seattle Branch of the Civil Rights Congress.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-30  
of known reliability

The subject attended a Civil Rights Congress function at Ship Scale Hall, Seattle, on October 20, 1949.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-31  
of known reliability

It was ascertained in September 1953 that HAROLD JOHNSTON had contributed \$15 to the then current CRC fund drive.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-8

B. Northwest Committee for the  
Protection of the Foreign Born

It was learned in September 1949 that the subject was a sponsor of the Northwest Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-8

The Northwest Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born is an adjunct of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, the latter organization having been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

C. Northwest Citizens Defense Committee

During December 1953 the subject held an elk dinner at his home near Kent, Wash., for the purpose of raising money to be used as part of the bail fund on behalf of the Seattle Smith Act defendants.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-8

On October 1, 1952, BABA JEANNIE ~~BLOCKER~~ advised in writing that she was the Organizing Secretary of the Northwest Citizens Defense Committee. She also advised in writing, "The Committee's purpose and activity will be to organize and effect the defense of victims of the application of the Smith Act in the Northwest." Wash

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-32  
of known reliability

D. "People's World"

The below listed informant has advised on several occasions that the subject received ten copies per week of the "People's World", West Coast



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Communist daily newspaper, at his home during August and September 1949 and during the first part of 1950.

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-33  
of known reliability

It was reported in September 1950 that the subject then possessed a yearly subscription to the "People's World."

Witness:

Confidential Informant Seattle T-34  
of known reliability

#### VII. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from Confidential Informant Seattle T-2 and the records of the Lake Union Dry Dock Company, 1515 Fairview North, Seattle:

Name:	<u>SUMMARY</u> HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON
Born:	5/29/07, Yakima, Wash.
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5' 4"
Weight:	148 lbs.
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Gray
Marital status:	Married
Dependent children:	HAROLD JOHNSTON, BEVERLY JOHNSTON
Education:	Third grade
Selective Service No:	750 (as of 1941)
Social Security No:	537-09-9929

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T-1: C. F. ADAMS, Personnel Mgr, Associated Shipyards, Seattle	Background info	1/12/43	GEORGE D. THOMSON (oral)	65-1399-39
T-2: Records, Selective Serv. Board #7, Seattle, Wash.	Description, Military Service	1/13/43	CLAUDE H. VINCILL (oral)	65-1399-39,
T-3: [REDACTED]	Background	9/9/41		65-1399-8
T-4: [REDACTED]	Employment	12/22,30/42 1/19,25/43	J. P. MacFARLAND & BRENTON S. GORDON	65-1399-44,
T-5: JOE FOUTY, Bus. Agt., Aero Machinists Lodge 751, Seattle	Employment	2/20/50	STEVE S. CARTER (oral)	65-1399-217
T-6: [REDACTED]	Employment	1/20/54	CHARLES E. ROBINSON (oral)	65-1399-288
T-7: W. W. CLARK, Postmaster, Kent, Wn.	Residence Employment	1/16/45 4/53	WILLIAM H. TERRY, JR. (oral) JOHN A. DRAKE (oral)	65-1399-86, p 1 " -274
T-8: [REDACTED]	5/6/44 sponsor NWCPFB Employment Contribution to CRC Fund raising aff. at subject's home	5/7/44 9/12/49 8/19/53 9/9/53 12/13/53	JOSEPH P. MacFARLAND " " ROBERT E. MASON " " " "	80-94A-1B1-10 " -1B4-38C [REDACTED]
T-9: G-2, 9th Corps Area	Position as CP Organizer	2/28/41		65-1399-5

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T-10: Mrs. BESSIE DUNN, Seattle, Wash.	CP activity	10/23/41	MARTIN N. ERCK (oral)	65-1399-14
T-11: Mrs. SARAH ELDREDGE, 431 14th N, Seattle	Position as CP Organizer	1/42		65-1399-1A(1) (copy)
T-12: [REDACTED]	10/1/43	11/23/43	ORVILLE R. WILSON & GAYLORD A. SAETRE	61-22-495
T-13: Anonymous				
T-14: [REDACTED]	8/18/45 8/19/45	8/18/45 8/19/45		FOIA b 7 D
T-15: [REDACTED]	4/27/46	5/20/46		
T-16: FISUR	6/25/43	6/25/43	BRENTON S. GORDON & FREDERICK H. SCHMIDT	65-1399-48
T-17: [REDACTED]	6/25/43	6/23/43	JOHN D. FURRH (oral)	65-1399-48
T-18: [REDACTED]	4/25/43	4/26/43	GEORGE D. THOMSON (oral)	65-1399-46
	5/2/43	5/3/43	" "	80-49A-1B2(1)
	8/1/43	8/2/43	JAMES E. FREANEY	100-10130-27
	10/8/44	10/10/44	LOUIS R. WILSON & JAMES E. FREANEY	80-49A-1B3(19)
	10/30/44	11/2/44	JAMES E. FREANEY	" (20)
	12/4/44	12/11/44	GEORGE S. WITHY	" -1B2III(21)
	1/24/45	2/2/45	GEORGE S. WITHY(oral)	65-1399-87
T-19: [REDACTED]	2/21/44	2/23/44	HENRY G. WALKER & JAMES E. FREANEY	80-49A-1B3(25)
	6/10, 11/44	6/12/44	JAMES E. FREANEY	80-49-145
T-20: [REDACTED]	4/24/45	4/26/45	THOMAS M. KERNDT(oral)	65-1399-92
	7/15/45	7/20/45	" "	80-106-100A(5)
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T-21: [REDACTED]	7/18/45	7/21/45	JOSEPH P. MacFARLAND	65-1399-98
	8/20/46	9/6/46	" "	(oral)
	3/1/47	3/1/47	" "	80-132A-1B1(7)
	CRC Petition	10/15/48	" "	65-1399-170
	5/20/49	5/25/49	" "	80-132A-1B5(304)
	6/24/49	7/7/49	" "	" (375)
	7/12/49	7/14/49	" "	" (387)
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	1/2/51	1/5/51	" "	" (418)
				" (569)
T-22: Photo-graphic surveillance	3/1/47	3/1/47	SE G. F. RASMUSSEN	100-2303-3191
T-23: MARO JEWELL, Seattle	7/15/45	8/7/45	JOSEPH P. MacFARLAND	65-1399-97
T-24: [REDACTED]	7/13/45	7/13/45		
T-25: [REDACTED]	7/26/45	7/26/45		
T-26: [REDACTED]	7/12/47	7/12/47		
T-27: FISUR	7/12/47	7/12/47	PHILIP L. SCHIEDERMEYER	65-1399-154
T-28: Mr. C. K. MOSE, Chief Clerk, Richfield Oil Corp. Seattle, Wash.	use of alias	1/42	HAMILTON C. DOWELL (oral)	65-1399-20, p 5
T-29: J. A. SWIFT, Asst Mgr Queen Ann Br., NB of C, Seattle	officer of CRC	4/20/49	JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE (oral)	65-1399-180
T-30: [REDACTED]	member CRC	6/3/49	JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE	80-327A-1B1(54)
T-31: [REDACTED]		10/20/49	11/1/49	WILLIAM C. TOWER
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T-32: FRANK. Characterization MITCHELL, Rental Agent, Henry Broderick, Inc. Seattle, Wash.				
T-33: [REDACTED]	PW Sub	8/49 10/26/49	GEORGE H. ASDELL	65-1399-211
T-34: MAXINE SOLTER, 1644 20th Ave., Oakland, Calif.	PW Sub	9/27/50	WILBERT H. KEHE	SF 61-369-1BIII

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REFERENCE: Report of SA EDWARD BRUKKE dated 9/16/49 at Seattle

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81803)

DATE: July 30, 1954

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (65-1399)

SUBJECT: HAROLD TIMOTHY JOHNSTON  
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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Lake Union DryDock Company, 1515 Fairview North, Seattle, Washington ✓

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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Puget Sound

Bridge and Dredge Co. (Drydock), Harbor Island, Seattle, Washington

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81803)

DATE: January 22, 1954

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (65-1399)

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SECURITY MATTER - CCard H.T.D.  
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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Lake Union Dry Dock

Company, 1515 Fairview North, Seattle, Washington ✓

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